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"THESEUS" ATTACKED BY U-BOAT

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A New York message states that Mackay Radio reports having picked up a flash-message from the British passenger liner Theseus, of 6,700 tons, stating that she was being attacked by a U-boat at a point 600 miles off the south-west coast of Ireland.

The SOS gave no details, but merely said an enemy submarine was attacking the ship. It is not known what cargo she carried or whether there were any passengers on board.—Havas.

Built in 1908, the Theseus is owned by the Ocean S.S. Co. (Blue Funnel Line) and was well known in the Far East. She was built at Belfast.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Economic conditions throughout South China are most satisfactory, asserts Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Director of the Bureau of Political Affairs of the Executive Yuan, after a two-month inspection tour of Hunan, Kiangsi, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien and Chekiang.

Dr. Tsiang points out that a sure sign of the increase in the peasants' well-being is shown by the increase in returns from the slaughter-tax, noticeable everywhere, which shows that the consumption of meat is increasing. This improvement is chiefly brought about by the increased price paid in cities for foreign agricultural products.

The same factor accounts for the re-payment by the peasants of old debts and mortgages. The high price of piece goods and the difficulties of transport have brought back into use the old spinning wheels and weaving looms—thus keeping money in the countryside.

Labour Shortage

On the other hand, the countryside is experiencing serious difficulties owing to the lack of labour since conscription was established, and especially from a lack of skilled labour. Most youngsters and older trained workers are employed on Government projects—road building and so on. The provinces are also experiencing a lack of educated persons capable of carrying on

BURMA ROAD OPEN FOR RED CROSS

Replying to a Commons question yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that Red Cross and medical supplies were not within the category of goods the passage of which are forbidden by the Burma Road.—Reuter.

RIVER AGREEMENT SUSPENDED

The "China Mail" understands that the agreement between the British and Japanese authorities regarding the steamship services between Hong Kong and Canton has been suspended pending settlement of the dispute which has resulted in the s.s. Fatshan being held up in Canton.

The Japanese service has also been suspended and, it is reported, will not be resumed until August 8 when it is hoped the matter will be settled.

The dispute in Canton resulted from the British refusing to agree to the Japanese authorities monopolising the supply of coolie labour on the waterfront.

Reuter Version

Reuter reports from Canton that all passengers had gone on board the Fatshan yesterday morning; it normally proceeds from Canton to Hong Kong on Thursdays.

The vessel was prevented from sailing owing to a (reported) disagreement between the agents and the Japanese pilots.

"No pilot has been provided and, therefore, the ship is unable to sail," Mr. F. A. Dinsdale, Butterfield and Swire agent at Canton, told Reuter.

Though he preferred not to state the reason for the absence of the pilot, it is reliably learned that it was due to a disagreement over pilotage fees.

The vessel is now held up indefinitely, pending negotiations.—Reuter.

civil and educational organization. The lack of transport facilities also hampers China's development in the South as elsewhere.—Havas.

Revelation Of Raids' Effect On Germany

AN AMERICAN newspaper correspondent who has been allowed to travel through parts of industrial Germany has just sent in an account of his tour.

In one town near the edge of the Ruhr, he reports, the people have spent every night for the past two weeks in their air-raid shelters. They do not get to bed until 3 a.m.

In the Ruhr itself, factory chimneys are almost as thick as a forest.

German officials claimed that no factories had been hit in R.A.F. raids, but made no reply when asked how the R.A.F. could fail to make an occasional hit when factories were so thickly clustered together.

German official lists give the number of explosive and incendiary bombs dropped, the number of dead and wounded, and the number of houses smashed—but make no mention of factories.

German official circles, however, admit that an ammunition dump at Hamm was set on fire and that in another town at least 17 persons were killed, which figure, they said, was "higher than in some other cities."

In this connection, it is interesting to note what General von Schroeder, the German air raids precautions chief, wrote in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" on July 17.

In a two-column interview, he spoke of the terrific destructive power of British bombs. "I myself have seen one splinter the size of a fist go through a heavy oak-door and two walls of a safe," he is quoted as saying.

Such attacks, he went on, as Germany had had were a heavy strain on the German masses.—Reuter.

Admissions In Nazi Press

Following are quotations from recent German newspapers.—The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" on July 17 says: English incendiary bombs are greater in power and penetration than is usually presumed. The range and penetrating power of the splinters of explosive bombs have been

ADDRESS OF H.K. EVACUEES

An official announcement states that Hong Kong evacuees in Australia may be reached by mail or cable at the following address: Mrs. Hong Kong Evacuee, Dept. of Interior, Canberra.

ADMIRAL ABRIAL IN ALGERIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Vice-Admiral Abrial, the heroic French naval commander at Dunkirk, took over his duties yesterday as Governor-General of Algeria.—Central News.

HEART OF NORWICH BOMBED

A MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED YESTERDAY STATED: "A SINGLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT, FLYING AT A GREAT HEIGHT, CROSSED THE EAST COAST IN THE AFTERNOON AND LATER DROPPED BOMBS ON NORWICH, CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO INDUSTRIAL PREMISES AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, SEVERAL OF WHICH WERE FATAL.

"Elsewhere enemy activity has been confined to occasional flights over the English Channel, where two enemy aircraft were shot down by our fighters this evening. One of our fighters failed to return from patrol."—Reuter.

Heart Of City Bombed

Appearing suddenly out of a cloud the German plane dived to about 400 feet over the centre of Norwich and dropped bombs which killed five people and injured several others.

One bomb demolished part of a warehouse and a second struck another building. Another bomb wrecked a restaurant, the explosion lifting off the roof.—Reuter.

S.E. Town Gunned

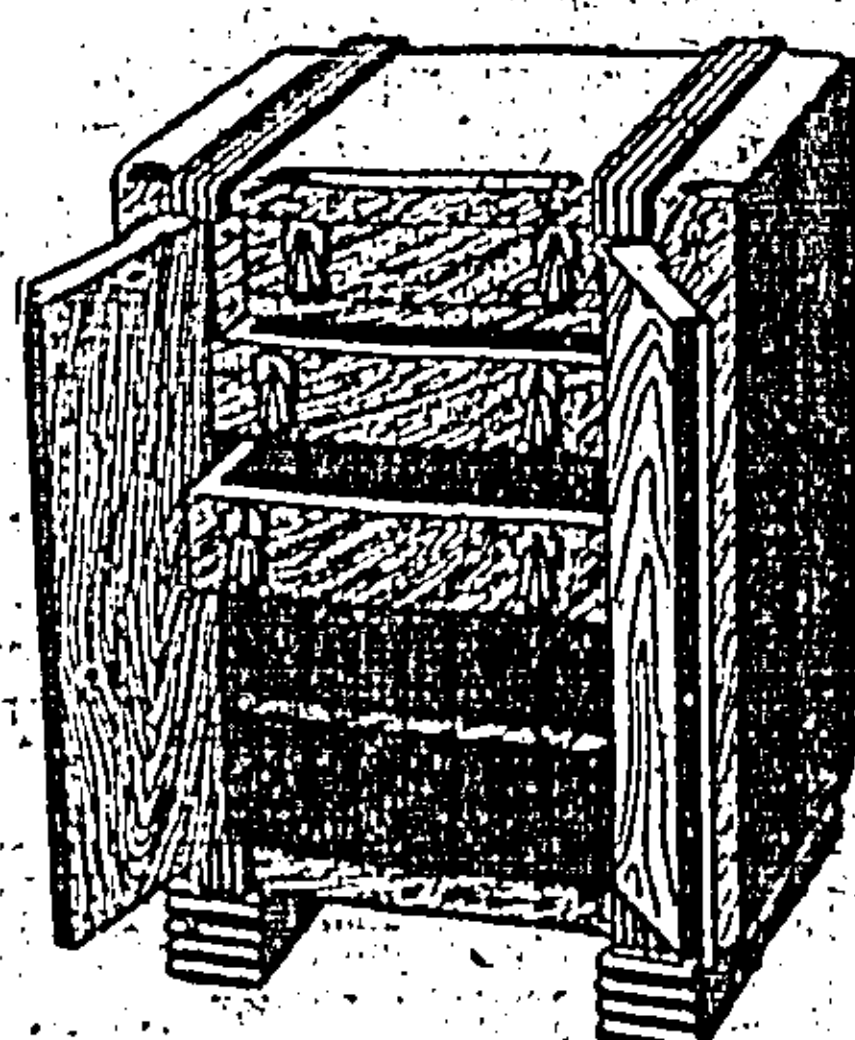
Shops and houses were shattered by bullets when a German plane machine-gunned and bombed a south-eastern town yesterday afternoon.

The bombs started a fire and caused some casualties. Fighters pursued the raider.—Reuter.

WEDDING GIFTS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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R.A.F. RAIDS CONTINUE

Bombs Dropped In Daylight Attacks

AN AIR MINISTRY communique issued in London yesterday states: Yesterday R.A.F. aircraft of the Bomber Command carried out daylight attacks on military objectives in Germany and shipping off the Dutch and German coasts.

During these raids the bombers were engaged by enemy fighters two of which were shot down. One of our bombers is missing.

PLANNED FIGHT WITH TRIADS

Charged with possession of two daggers without a licence, Ng Luk, 22, coolie, and Ho Sin-hi, 34, boxing-instructor, were sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, prosecuting, said that on the morning of July 19, the police raided a hut in Nga Tsin Wai Village, arrested first accused and seized two daggers and 15 choppers.

Further inquiries resulted in second accused and 15 others being arrested in a house in

Oil refineries at Miuburg, near Hanover, and Emmerich were attacked by bombers last night, while other aircraft bombed supply depots at Osnabruck, shipping in the Zulder Zee and enemy aerodromes in Holland and Germany. Two of our aircraft were lost.

Yesterday a Sunderland flying-boat of the Royal Australian Air Force three times repelled enemy air attacks on a convoy it was escorting.

An aircraft of the Coastal Command, engaged in reconnaissance over Norway has failed to return.—Reuter.

Takuling Road.

It was later discovered that they had planned a fight against a triad society. The 15 men were subsequently released owing to lack of evidence.

First accused admitted that he had been banished from Malaya.

BRITAIN'S EMERGENCY COURTS

ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE LORDS AMENDMENT TO THE BILL SETTING UP EMERGENCY COURTS, THE HOME SECRETARY SAID IT WAS PROPOSED STEPS BE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO PROVIDE SUCH A NUMBER OF EMERGENCY COURTS AS WERE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED. BUT THE ACTUAL COMING INTO OPERATION OF ANY COURT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE DECLARATION BY THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ANY PARTICULAR AREA.

Sir John Anderson added the regulations under the bill were ready and he hoped the promised consultation on them would be entered into at once so they would be passed in the course of next week.

The Commons agreed to an amendment in the bill whereby all cases in which the death penalty is inflicted will be reviewed by a tribunal consisting of not less than three persons who hold or have held high judicial office. This tribunal would also review such other cases as the regulations provided.

The Home Secretary said the form of words had been agreed and was inserted in the Lords. The regulations proposed under the bill would be submitted for informal discussion between representatives of the Government and certain members of parliament.—British Wireless.

SET THEIR CLOCKS BY THE R.A.F.

The "Deg Nyhet" of Stockholm reports from Berlin that the British air raids on Western Germany are so punctual and regular that the Germans set their clocks by them.

At a quarter to one every night the people knew that they had 15 minutes in which to clothe themselves before going out, down to the shelters. Many people came to Berlin to rest!—Reuter.

GERMAN THREAT TO DUTCH

According to Dutch authoritative quarters in London, Dr. Seyss-Inquart, the Reich Commissioner for the Netherlands, in a proclamation yesterday threatened severe penalties against any demonstration of loyalty to the House of Orange in view of the approaching Royalty birthdays—Queen Wilhelmina will be 60 on August 31 and Princess Irene will celebrate her first birthday on Monday.

The proclamation states that all such demonstrations will be considered as directed against the occupying forces and punished accordingly.

The decoration of buildings, the showing of flags, the wearing of badges, flowers or ribbons and "all actions which tend to express loyalty to the House of Orange" are forbidden.

Flower sellers are warned that possession of orange-coloured flowers, marigolds, forget-me-nots, white carnations—Prince Bernhard's favourite flower widely worn on his birthday on June 29—may be considered as provocative demonstrations against the new order and punished according to German criminal law.—Reuter.

THAT RAIN

With the help of over 4½ inches that fell in the past 24 hours, the total rainfall for the first seven months of this year has exceeded the total for the whole of last year by over five inches!

Hong Kong has still quite a way to go before the rainfall for 1940 equals, let alone passes, the all-time record established in 1889 of 119.715 inches; during that year, the all-time maximum rainfall recorded in a period of less than 48 hours was also recorded when, between 3 a.m. on May 29 and 5 p.m. on May 30 (33 hours) a total of 33.11 inches was recorded.

April, May, June July and August are, of course, the "rainy months" in Hong Kong, and it is probable, therefore, that the record for the year will not be bettered this year. On the other hand, of course, it might—if we get the 30.595 inches of rain in September* that we had in 1906 and the 23.985 inches in October that we had in 1909!

Returning to the present, the rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning totalled 4.59 inches—and it was still raining. The total rainfall since January 1 was 91.81 inches, against an average of 54.05 inches and the total for the whole 12 months of last year of 86.705 inches.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 83 deg. Fah. and the minimum last night was 75 deg. Fah.

At 10 o'clock this morning, the temperature was 77 deg. Fah. and the humidity 93 per cent, with a Force 5 wind blowing from the east-south-east. The barometer at sea-level recorded 29.72 inches.

The Typhoon

The 10.16 a.m. "weather report, forecast and remarks" issued by the Royal Observatory read:—

"Pressure is highest over the Pacific to the north-east of Japan. The depression is stationary over south-west China and the typhoon is situated near the Shantung peninsula, moving northward. Weather forecast: South winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, rain, improving later."

Included in £52,000 which has been contributed in Fiji to the Bomber Fund are contributions from employees of the Theodore Mining Group. At a meeting held by the mining employees it was agreed that the European employees would contribute three days pay each and Eurasian, Fijian, Indian and Chinese employees one day's pay each. The response is rightly regarded as being extraordinarily fine.—British Wireless.

ESCAPE CHARGE

An escape from the Argyle Street Soldiers' Internment Camp on July 3 was mentioned this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon when four Chinese were charged with assault with the intent to rob.

Accused Wong Kan-yan, 34, Ku Ming, 25, Ko Kin, 35, and Tsang Hong, 27, were alleged to have been armed with revolvers and to have assaulted a keeper of an opium divan in Nga Tsin Wai Village on Tuesday night with the intention of robbing him. They were also charged with possession of two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Second accused, Ku Ming, was additionally charged with escaping from the Soldiers' Internment Camp on July 3.

They were all remanded for three days at the request of Det. Sgt. C. Dowman.

WAR INSURANCE IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

War insurance policies covering bomb risk to the value of \$865,000,000 have been issued since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war by the Central Trust, it is revealed in Chungking.

Most risks covered insured goods in transit and landed property in Chungking.

Despite the low rates—which in no case exceeded one per cent—the Central Trust made a profit of \$10,000,000.—Havas.

ARGENTINA TO TAKE BRITISH REFUGEES

It is reported that the Government of Argentina have published a decree authorising the immigration into Argentina of a number of children from Britain. This action is very much appreciated in London where it is regarded as a very generous token of practical sympathy.—British Wireless.

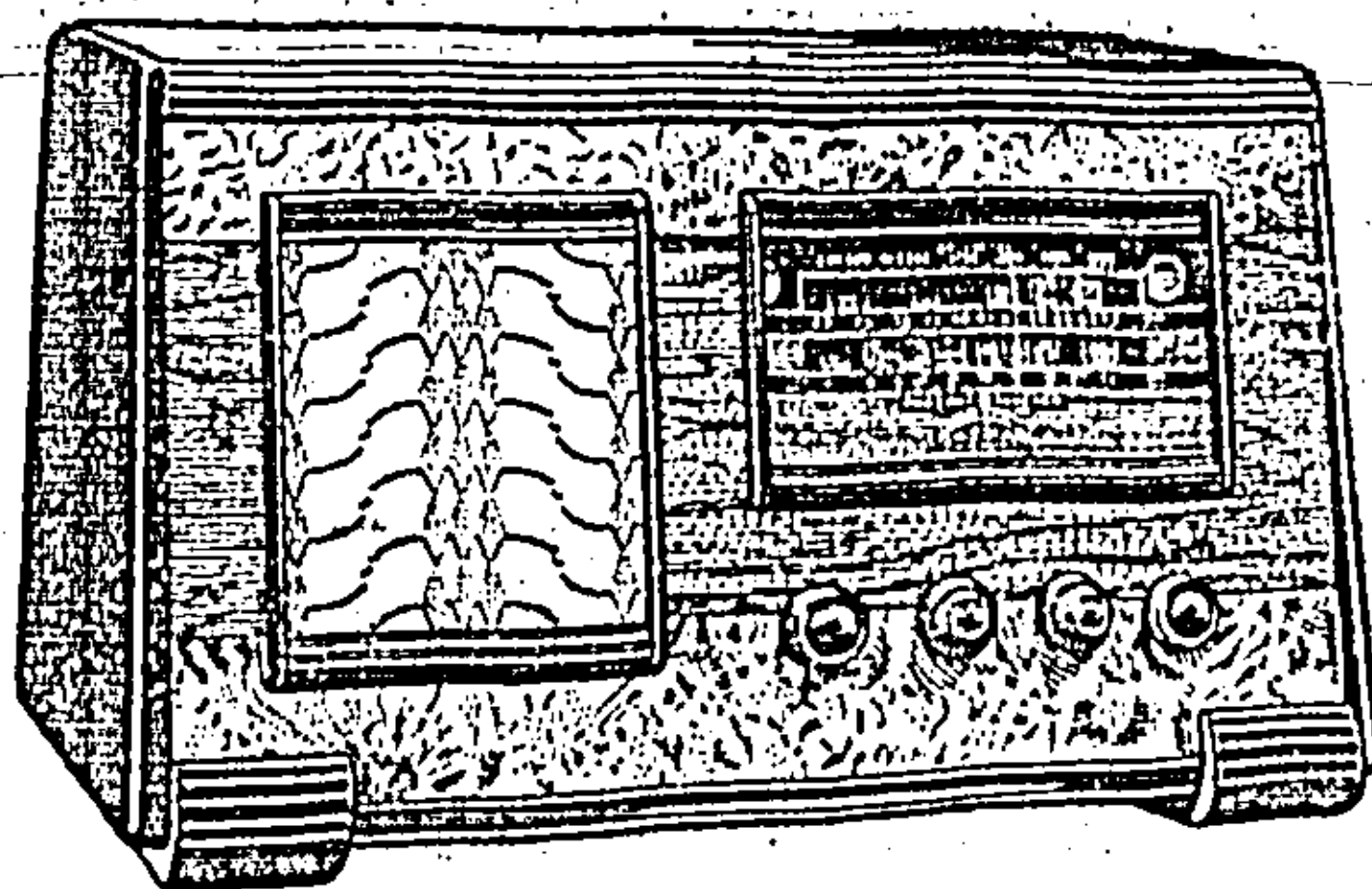
The sum of £10,000 has been subscribed in three days in the Bahamas for purchasing Hurricane fighters. The Colonial Secretary has conveyed the Government's thanks to the Bahama war committee.

A further donation of £1,250 from the Cyprus Fighter Plan Fund has been gratefully accepted.—British Wireless.

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MOLOTOV RE-AFFIRMS FRIENDSHIP FOR NAZIS

"Relations Based On Fundamental State Interests"

NON-COMMITTAL REFERENCE TO BRITAIN

SPEAKING AT THE opening of the seventh session of the Soviet Parliament in Moscow yesterday afternoon, M. Molotov, the Premier and Foreign Commissar, referred to the cession of territory by Rumania.

He said: "The frontiers of the Soviet have thus been advanced westward to the Danube which after the Volga is the biggest European river and one of the most important routes for commercial exchanges between a number of European nations."

M. Molotov added that in general, Russo-Rumanian relations should from now on take a perfectly normal course.

Referring to relations between the Soviet and the Baltic countries he said it was found that the mutual assistance pacts concluded with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia did not lead, as was expected, to a rapprochement between these countries and the Soviet.

On the contrary, the bourgeois group who were governing these countries increased their hostile activities against the Soviet and grossly violated the pacts of mutual assistance.

Impossible To Tolerate

It became absolutely impossible to tolerate any such state of affairs, especially in the conditions created by the present international situation.

M. Molotov referred to the creation of pro-Soviet governments in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and said the Diets of the three countries, "elected by a universal, direct, equal and secret vote, had already pronounced themselves unanimously for the establishment of the Soviet regime and their incorporation into the Soviet."

The Supreme Soviet would examine the question of their inclusion into the Soviet as Soviet Republics.

Their incorporation, along with Bessarabia and northern Bukovina, meant that the population of the Soviet had increased by approximately ten millions.

The French Defeat

Referring to the defeat of France, M. Molotov said clearly the cause lay not only in bad military preparedness.

"Of considerable importance was also the fact that, unlike Germany, leading circles in France treated too lightly the role and weight of the Soviet in European affairs."

The events of the past months had also clearly shown that "the ruling circles in France were not connected with the people and far from relying on its support, feared their people, which is deservedly famed as a liberty-loving people with glorious revolutionary traditions."

France now faced the difficult task of healing the wounds of war and following this, the task of regeneration which, however, could not be realised by old methods.

Britain And Germany

In her war against the Allies, Germany had achieved great successes but had not yet achieved her principal objective, namely the termination of the war on terms which she considers desirable.

Hitler on July 10 again appealed to England to come to terms in regard to peace but the British Government rejected the proposal, which it interpreted as a demand

for England's capitulation, and replied it would continue the war until victory.

"This means the Government of Great Britain does not wish to give up its colonies and declares it is prepared to continue the war for world supremacy despite the fact that after the defeat of France and Italy's entry into the war on the side of Germany this struggle involves considerably greater difficulties for Britain."

M. Molotov added there was also every ground to expect an extension of Russo-Italian trade relations.

He declared the question of distribution of colonies was becoming more and more acute.

Amateur Imperialists

"Imperialist appetites have been whetted not only in distant Japan but also in the United States, where there are quite a few covetous amateurs who are dissimulating their imperialist plans under the banner of 'anxiety' for the interest of the 'Western Hemisphere'."

No essential change in Russo-Turkish relations had occurred.

"It need only be said that the documents recently published in the German White Book have thrown a disagreeable light on certain aspects of the activity developed in Turkey."

Japanese Approach

In regard to Iran there was no new important event to report.

"In regard to Japan, it may be said that recently our relations have tended towards normalisation to a certain extent."

"It can be recognised that there are certain general indications of desire on the part of Japan to improve her relations with the Soviet."

M. Molotov said he was not going to dwell upon Russo-American relations, if only for the sole reason that there was nothing to be said in this matter.

"Illegal Acts"

"The fact that the United States authorities are illegally withholding gold recently bought by our State Bank from the Banks of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia has provoked most energetic protests on our part."

"We can only remind the United States Government, as well as the British Government which adopted the same attitude, that they bear the responsibility for these illegal acts."

In regard to Russian relations with "the great nation behind her who is fighting for her existence, they have retained the friendly good neighbourly character arising from the Sino-Soviet pact of non-aggression."

M. Molotov concluded by declaring the Soviet must show keen vigilance in regard to its

exterior security and strengthening all its interior positions.

Sacred Duty

In order to secure new successes for the Soviet they must always remember Stalin's declaration that they must keep their entire people in a state of mobilisation, ready to face the danger of military aggression so no hazards and no manoeuvres of their external enemies could take them unawares.

"If we all remember this sacred duty, no event will take us unawares and we shall achieve even more glorious successes for the Soviet."—Reuter.

The developments in Europe, far from reducing the strength of the Soviet-German non-aggression pact, on the contrary emphasised the importance of its existence and further development.

Fundamental Interests

Referring to foreign press speculations on the possibility of a disagreement between the Soviet and Germany, M. Molotov added: "These attempts have been exposed more than once by ourselves as well as by Germany and swept aside as worthless."

"We can only reiterate that in our opinion the good neighbourly and friendly relations established between the Soviet and Germany are not based on fortuitous considerations of a transient nature but on the fundamental State interests of both the Soviet and Germany."

Russo-Italian relations lately had improved. "Exchange of views with Italy has revealed there is every possibility for our countries to ensure mutual understanding in the sphere of foreign policy."

Britain's "Hostile Acts"

M. Molotov said no essential changes had lately occurred in Anglo-Russian relations.

"It should be admitted that after all the hostile acts committed by Britain against the Soviet it is difficult to expect that Anglo-Russian relations would develop favourably."

"The appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps as Ambassador to the Soviet possibly does reflect a desire on the part of Britain to improve relations with the Soviet."

"It is probable we are now on the eve of a new stage in the intensification of the war between Germany and Italy, on one side, and England, assisted by the United States, on the other."

Relations With Germany

"True to the policy of peace and neutrality the Soviet is not participating in the war."

Russo-German relations wholly remained as laid down in the Soviet-German Agreement.

"This agreement, strictly observed by our Government, removed the possibility of friction in Soviet-German relations when the Soviet measures were carried out along our western frontier and at the same time has assured Germany a calm feeling of security in the east."

Referring to the Baltic States, M. Molotov said the fact that henceforth the frontiers of the Soviet would be transferred to the Baltic coast was of primary importance to the Soviet.

As a result they would have ice-free Baltic ports of which they had a great need.

Finland had accepted their proposals for demilitarisation of the Åland Islands and the establishment there of a Soviet consulate.

Threat To Finland

Future favourable development of Soviet-Finnish relations depended principally upon Finland. Certain elements in Finnish Government circles did not cease their repressive anti-social actions which were opposed to the consolidation of good-neighbourly relations with

the Soviet. Russo-Finnish relations might suffer accordingly. Soviet relations with Norway and Sweden could not depend on the situation which had been created. Nothing definite could be said in regard to Norway at the moment in view of her particular situation.

Relations With Yugoslavia

In regard to Sweden, it must be regarded as particularly important the fact that their two countries were interested in the development of economic and commercial relations.

In regard to the Balkans, the fact of establishment of Russo-Yugoslav diplomatic relations must be particularly emphasised. Russo-Bulgarian relations might be considered normal.—Reuter.

Japanese Expansion

After referring to indications of a Japanese desire to improve Russo-Japanese relations, M. Molotov said that if there was reciprocal recognition of the interests of both parties, such an amelioration of Russo-Japanese relations might be achieved.

He added that it must be admitted that in the programme of the new Japanese Government with regard to the establishment of "a new political structure" there is still much vagueness.

"It is obvious that the expansion southwards, about which the Japanese newspapers are making so much noise, is attracting increasing attention in leading Japanese circles, particularly since changes in Europe cannot remain without a repercussion of interest to these Japanese circles, but the realistic political aspiration of these circles with regard to Russo-Japanese relations still remains obscure on many points," said M. Molotov.—Reuter.

GERMAN FINANCIAL TRICKS

Mr. Harland Allen, in an economic letter circulated to the businessmen of Chicago, states that ostentatious selling in South America by the Nazis "for October delivery" had previously been reported as providing dramatic "evidence" that the Germans would have overwhelmed the opposition by that time and would have to be reckoned as the arbiter of European markets for South America.

It now leaks out that the Hitler agents, having exploited this device against Pan-American sentiment, are now cautiously "covering" such "German" business by placing orders in the United States for September delivery.—Reuter.

HAS HITLER LOST HIS CHANCE

The Cairo newspaper "Mokattam," discussing the causes of the delay of the German offensive on Britain, publicly announced for the fifteenth, then the twentieth, then the twenty-fifth of July, states: "Nevertheless there is no doubt that every day that passes reduces the Fuehrer's chance of success and increases England's and Hitler has definitely lost his chance of a lightning victory."—Reuter.

AMERICAN SWOOP ON SPIES

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, announced in Washington yesterday that 81 foreign agents had been detained in the Panama Canal zone for deportation.—Reuter.

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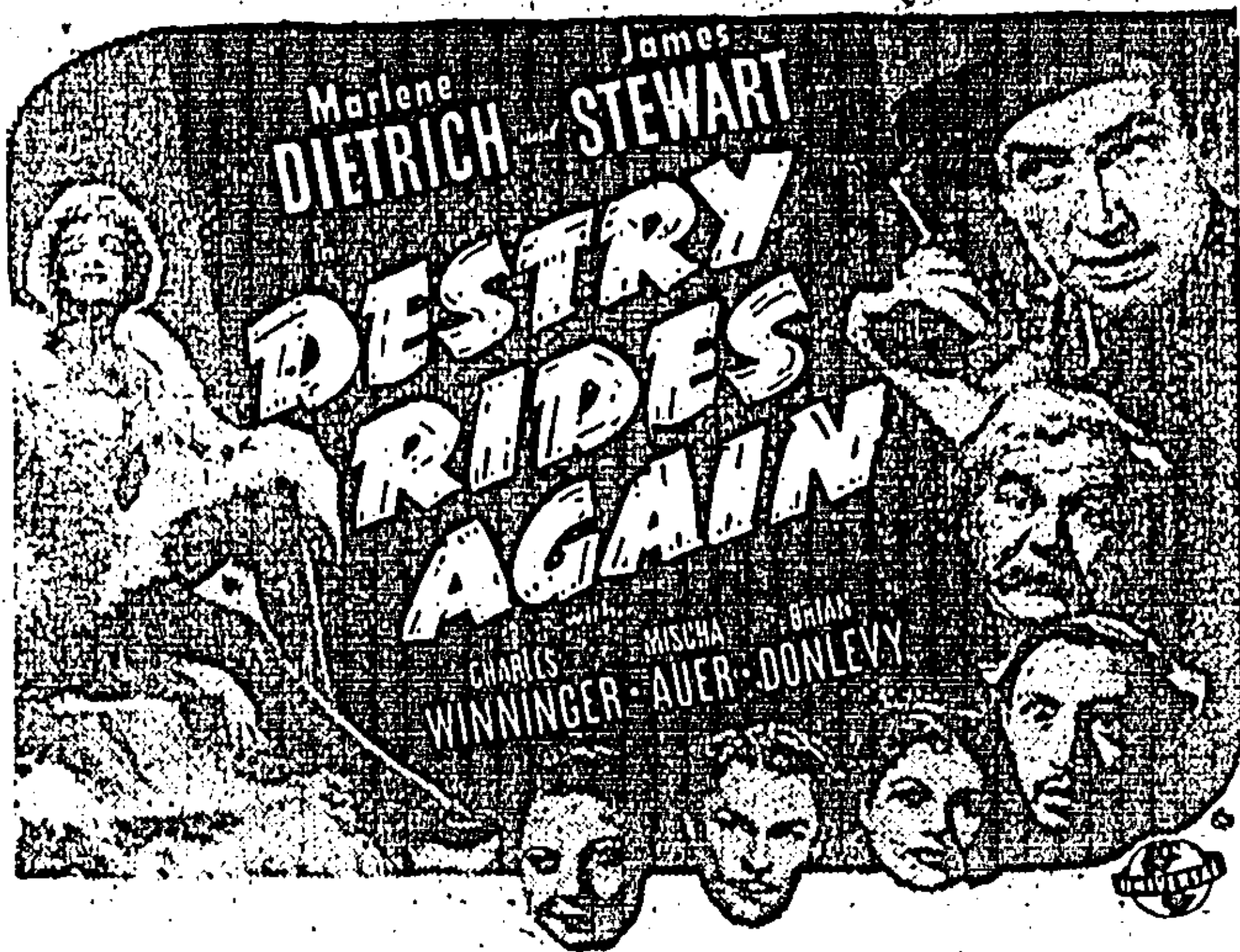
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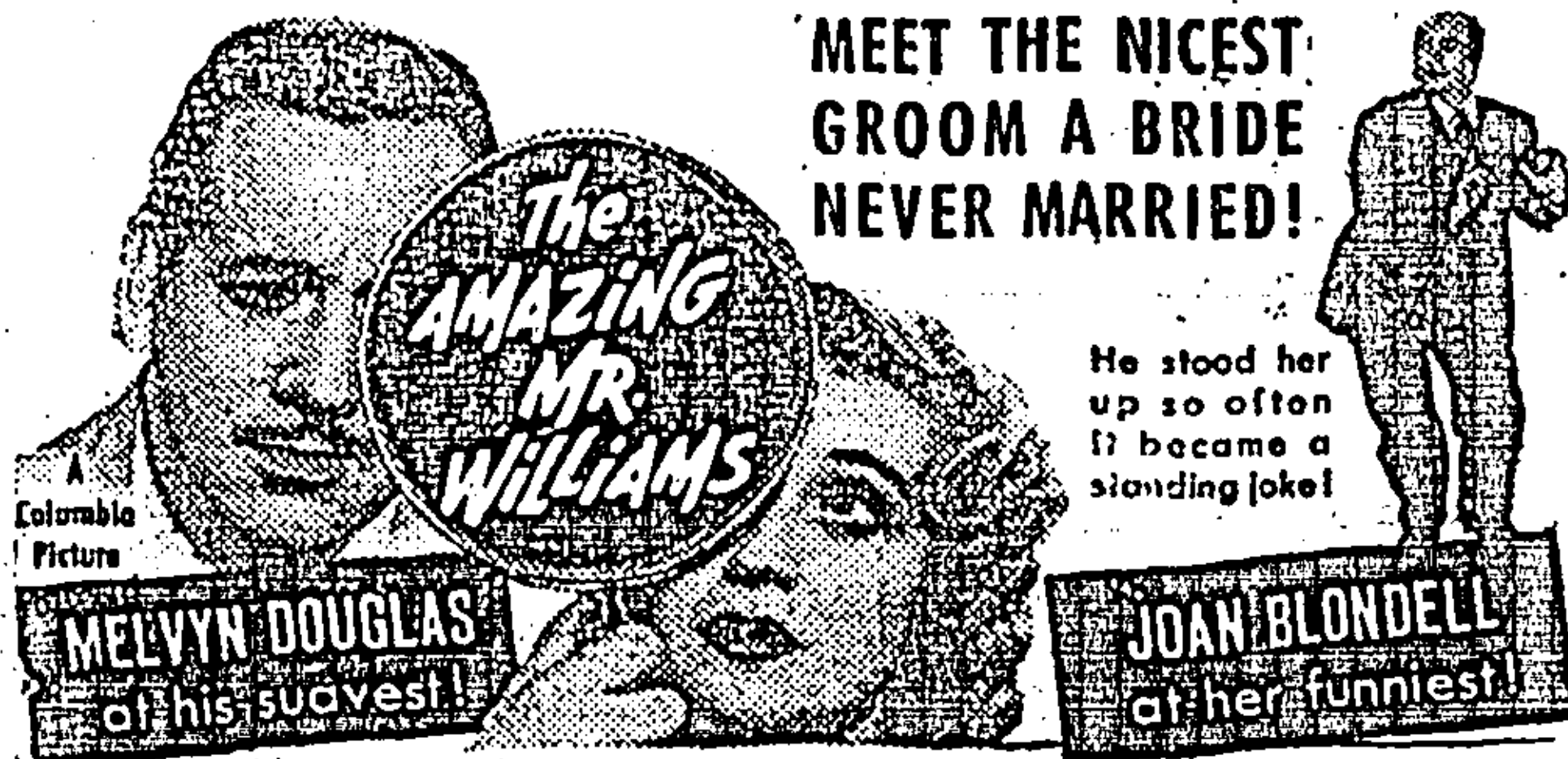
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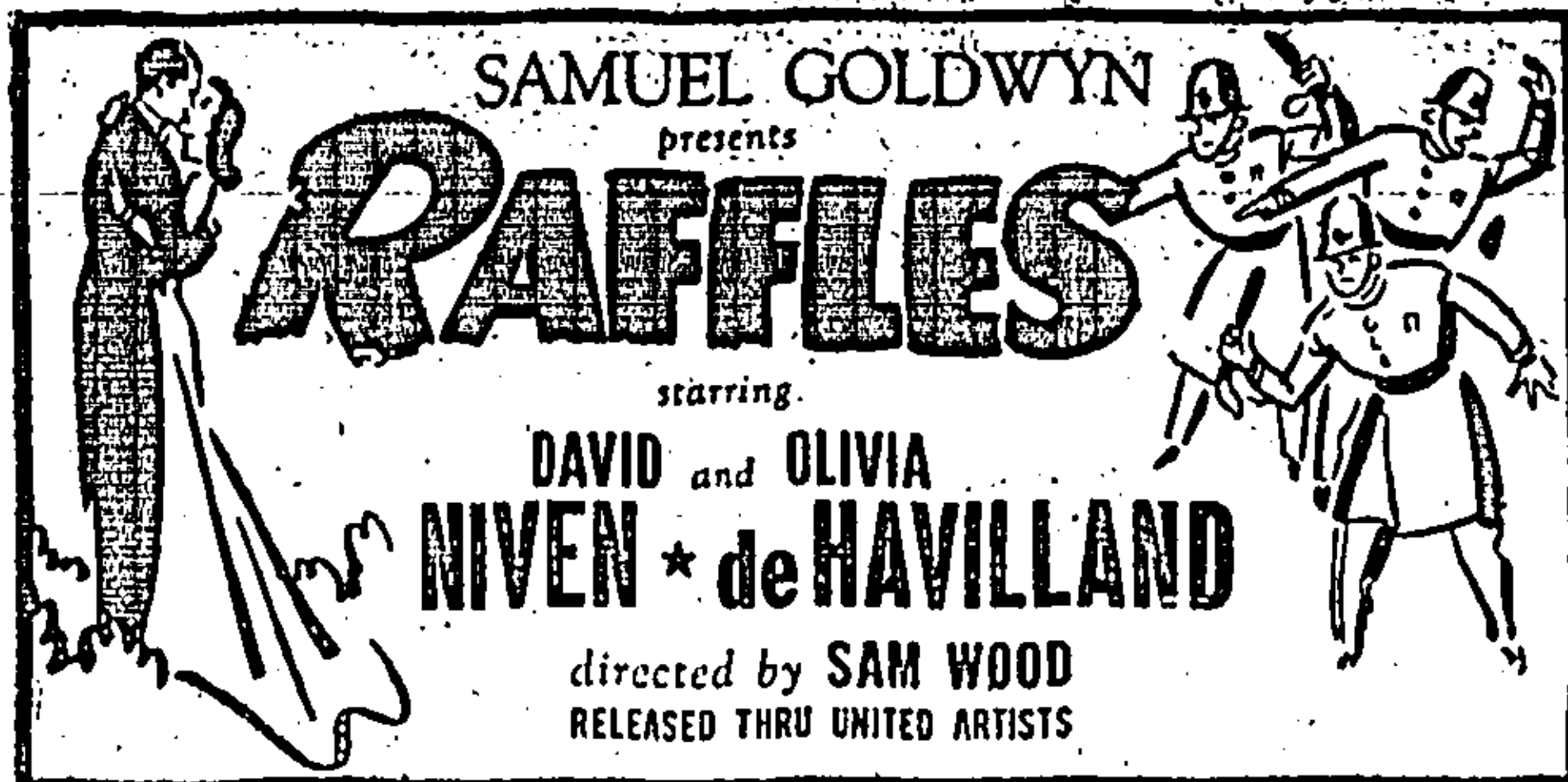
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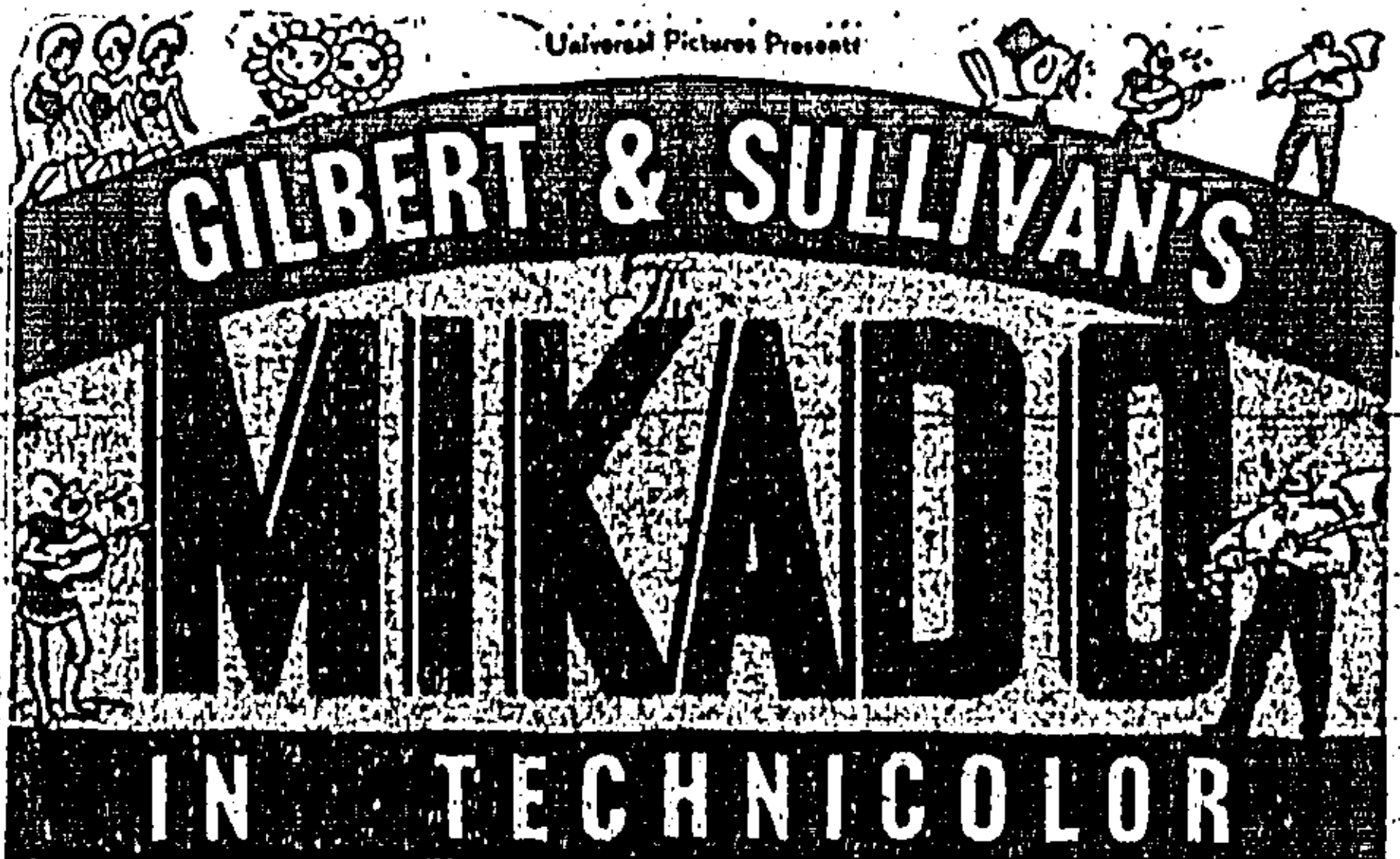


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R.A.F. Bombers In Thrilling Fights With Nazis

THERE WERE SEVERAL encounters between medium bombers of the R.A.F. and enemy aircraft during yesterday's daylight raids on German aerodromes and shipping off the Dutch and German coasts.

In a fight lasting over half an hour a British bomber successfully repelled the attack delivered by two enemy fighters, a Messerschmitt 109 and a Heinkel 112, and shot down one of them into the sea.

The engagement began five miles north of Amsterdam with an attack in line astern by the two enemy aircraft.

The British machine dived 6,000 feet to sea level. The Messerschmitt followed and just as it was breaking away from a stern attack the bomber's rear gunner caught it with an accurate burst and it crashed into the sea.

The Heinkel then took up the attack, repeatedly using cannon and machine-guns in an unsuccessful effort to equal the score.

Seaplane Attacked

Another bomber, after making a low-level attack on a barge near Tholen, at the mouth of the Scheldt, encountered two seaplanes believed to be 114s while looking for another target.

The pilot, singling out one of his adversaries, attacked from the beam at 1000 feet. The seaplane turned away but was caught immediately by another stream of bullets which entered the cockpit. Leaving a trail of smoke in its wake the enemy aircraft plunged into the sea.

Its companion, observing the result of the engagement, flew off.

The bomber, resuming its interrupted quest for further targets, found and bombed another barge.

Fight Over The Hague

Over Schiphol a third bomber was attacked at a height of 2000 feet by five Messerschmitt 109s. The bomber repeatedly went into the clouds to evade its pursuers and at one stage changed course in the clouds but found on emerging other fighters waiting to engage it.

One ME. 109 sheered off after encountering a burst from the bomber's machine-gun.

Over the Hague a further force of enemy fighters was met but they soon broke off the engagement.

Because of low cloud and bad visibility several of the British raiders failed to locate their targets and brought back their bombs.

Oil Refinery Explosion

Targets on which attacks were made included two large supply ships, five small oil tanks and the aerodrome at Paderborn, where, flying through a dense barrage put up by every type of A.A. gun, an aircraft is reported to have hit the hangars with bombs.

The same weather which had hampered the daylight raids persisted at night and as a result only a few of the night bombers succeeded in reaching their objectives.

Three aircraft located an oil refinery near Hanover where the only definite result discerned through a gap in the clouds was three bursts across the target.

At Emmerich, one aircraft reported that a huge explosion followed shortly after dropping its bombs on an oil refinery.—British Wireless.

IN THE WAKE OF THE SOVIETS

The "Stockholms Timningen" carries a report from Berlin which states that there have been a large number of suicides among Government officials and police officials and officers in Baltic countries.—Reuter.

Mrs. M. Franco, of No. 37, Roblson Road, has reported that while walking in Sherry Street yesterday, she either lost or had stolen from her a wrist watch, valued at \$27.

RESHUFFLE OF ENVOYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The following changes in the diplomatic corps are officially gazetted at Vichy, headquarters of the Vichy Government:—

Comte de St. Quentin, Ambassador to Washington, is "retired" and replaced by M. Henri Hays; M. Massigli, Ambassador to Ankara, "retired";

M. Emile Charveriat, Minister of the First Class, is appointed Minister to Bucharest, replacing M. Adrien Thierry, who is "retired";

M. Henri Hoppenot, Director of the Asia Bureau at the Quai d'Orsay, appointed Minister to Montevideo;

M. Dampierre is appointed Minister to Budapest;

M. Jean Paul-Boncour, Press Councillor at Washington, is appointed Councillor to Chungking.

The appointment of M. Fouques Du Parc as Councillor to China, which was gazetted on June 20, has been cancelled.—Havas.

OPIUM CHARGES

Lew Kim-yuen, alias Yee Suey-gat, alias Jew Siew, 43, was again remanded by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning when extradition proceedings were brought against him for unlawful sale and distribution of opium and unlawful importation and sale of opium dross, within the jurisdiction of the State of Oregon, U.S.A.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. C. D'Almada was for the defendant.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy is in charge of the case.

BOUND OVER

Pleading guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner whilst under the influence of drink last night, George Danal Hufschmidt, 25, clerk, of Mody House, was bound over by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused, who was taken to Water Police Station by a rickshaw coolie, was alleged to have attempted to strike a Police Officer on duty in the charge room.

Mr. F. Hoff, of the Haynes Service Station, Arsenal Street, has reported that between 6 p.m. on July 31, and yesterday morning some person broke into the premises, stole a calculator, valued at \$400, and an electric fan, valued at \$10.

WINDSORS ABOARD "EXCALIBUR"

The American Export Lines announced in New York yesterday that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were already on board the steamer Excalibur which is sailing from Lisbon shortly.

The couple are proceeding to the Bahamas where the Duke is to take up his new appointment as Governor.—Reuter.

SEPTUAGENARIAN ON ASSAULT CHARGE

A 70-year-old man, Lau Kung-hong, residing at No. 70 Cheung-shawan Road, was alleged to have assaulted a 19-year-old woman, Li King-fa, said to be his concubine, on Wednesday.

The old man pleaded not guilty to assaulting her and was remanded one week by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when he appeared on \$100 bail.

Inspector W. H. Fraser, of the S.C.A., is in charge of the case.

DEMANDED MONEY WITH MENACES

Miu Fung-tai, 36, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., at the Central Magistracy this morning when convicted on a charge of demanding \$1.50 from a woman, Wong Fui-ha, with menaces in Anton Street, Wanchai. Defendant was also recommended for banishment. Detective Sergeant J. Bentley prosecuted.

RATIONING IN YUNNAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Yunnan Provincial Government has decided to ration rice in order to secure sufficient supplies below the present high market price so as to enable people in the lower income branches to get adequate food supplies.

In Kunming alone, 100 tons of rice are being sold daily below the market price.

Hoarding by a few wealthy merchants is considered to be the main reason.—Havas.

BOMB FOUND IN "MERCURY" OFFICE

It is generally believed that the unexploded bomb found in the printing room of the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury" yesterday was placed there by the Russian guard who has disappeared, states a Shanghai despatch.—Central News.

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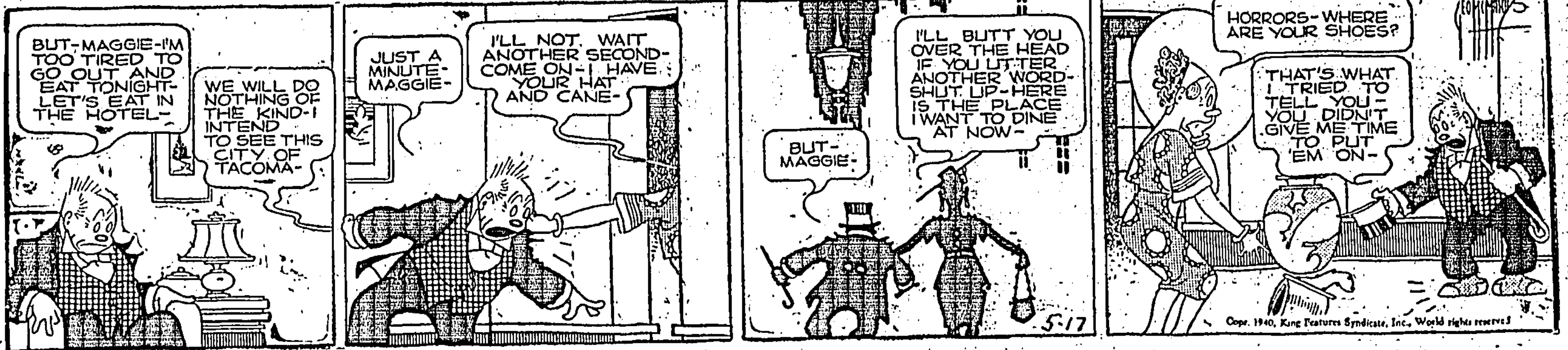
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ALCANTARA AT RIO: LIST TO PORT AFTER BATTLE

THE BRITISH AUXILIARY cruiser Alcantara had a slight list to port when she crossed Rio de Janeiro Bay on the way to dry-dock yesterday after her action with a German commerce raider in the South Atlantic.

Despite the stipulations of the Neutrality Act, which prohibits warships of belligerent countries from remaining more than 24 hours in Brazilian ports, the British Embassy obtained permission for the Alcantara to stay in order to carry out the necessary repairs.

Reason given for the Brazilian decision to allow the vessel to remain until repairs are completed was that the engine room is damaged and the ship cannot proceed unless it is repaired. — Reuter.

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WARRANTS SYSTEM

Authoritative circles in London point out regarding the new Order-in-Council extending the British contraband control that while the navicert system covers cargoes and ships, the new ships' warrants apply to all shipping lines and companies which agree always to utilise navicerts.

If they fail to do so no ship of the line in question will receive facilities for bunkering, dry-docking, repairing, insurance and other services. — Reuter.

WINDSORS SAIL

The American Export Line announced in New York yesterday that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor have sailed from Lisbon in the liner Excalibur.

They are due in New York on August 9. — Reuter.

BEATING HITLER TO IT

THE NEW YORK "TIMES" SAYS THAT WORDS TENDING TO PREPARE THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN PEOPLE FOR CHECKS AND DELAY CONFIRM OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE AXIS PARTNERS NO LONGER HOPE TO AVOID A COSTLY CONFLICT WITH BRITAIN. IT IS SIGNIFICANT, AT ANY RATE, THAT THE BRITISH ARE MOVING SWIFTLY, WHILE HITLER WAITS.

With a boldness borne of desperation or supreme confidence they have clamped down a blockade aimed at controlling traffic in and out of every port in Europe.

Whether this assertion of Britannia's single-handed power to rule the seas will cause or effect German hesitation, it proclaims that the British are only just beginning to fight.

It looks as if on the eve of invasion they had beaten the Germans to the offensive. — Reuter.

AID ALLIES MOVEMENT

It was revealed in New York yesterday that 50,000 copies of a printed statement urging the United States to make available at least 60 "over age" destroyers to Britain have been distributed to the nation by the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

Under the heading "Destroyers to-day or destruction to-morrow," the statement says: "The destroyers may decide the issue this summer."

If Britain fails to keep command of the seas she will fall. That could mean grave peril for America. — Reuter.

NEW SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Commemorating the Golden Jubilee of their school, the staff and students of the Bellios Public Girls' School have produced a most attractive magazine which, it is hoped, will be the forerunner of similar journals periodically.

The journal contains a foreword by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education, and some 60 articles and stories in which the history of the school is reviewed. Most of the articles are written by the students.

DUKE'S VISIT TO FRENCH AIRMEN

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited an R.A.F. station in East Anglia and met officers and airmen of General de Gaulle's army of free Frenchmen who have taken part in recent operations over Germany. The Duke made a complete tour of the station in his capacity of welfare officer. — British Wireless.

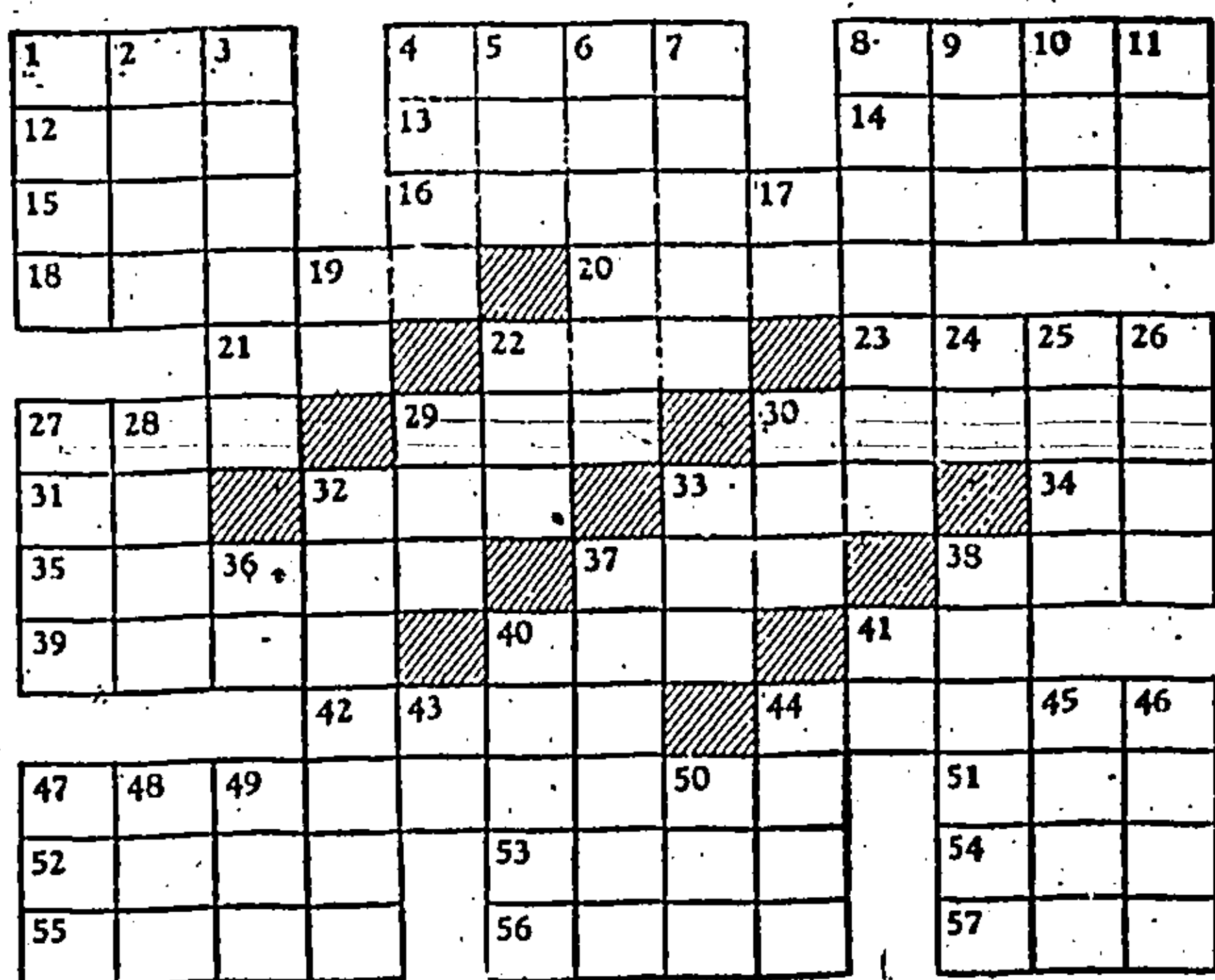
MADRAS GIFTS TO THE WAR FUND

A message from Madras states that £7,500 has been cabled from the Governor's War Fund to the British Air Ministry towards the cost of a Madras squadron of the R.A.F. The total amount sent so far is £33,750. — Reuter.

MORATORIUM IN NEW ZEALAND

It was announced in Wellington yesterday that a virtual moratorium has been imposed by the New Zealand Government for the duration of the war by new regulations to give protection to mortgagors and debtors. — Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



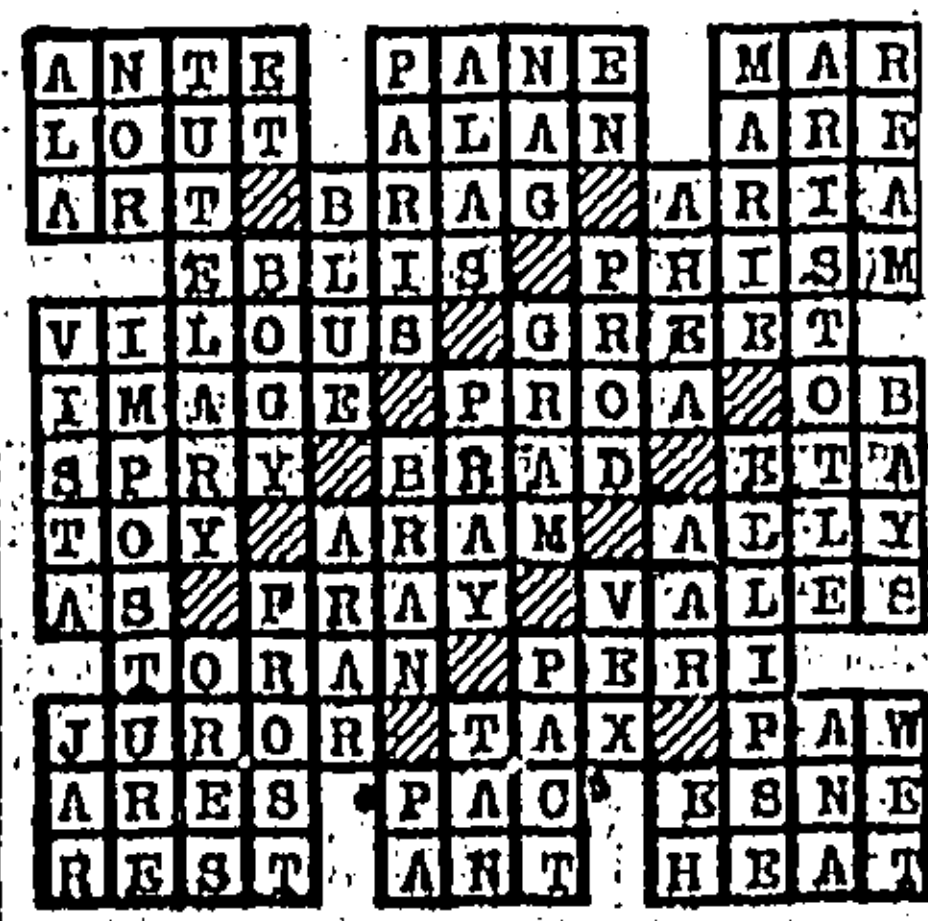
- 1 Swiss river
- 4 South American armadillo
- 8 To strike
- 12 Sooner than
- 13 To agree
- 14 Rabbit
- 15 Body of water
- 16 Instructive sayings
- 18 External part of a flower
- 20 Numbered disc
- 21 Symbol for tellurium
- 22 Meadow
- 23 Labour
- 27 Fodder
- 28 Roman bronze
- 30 Rigid
- 31 Conjunction
- 32 Division of a play
- 33 Eel-like fish
- 34 Preposition
- 35 To shrivel
- 37 Japanese coin
- 38 Worm
- 39 Mesopotamia
- 40 Completely
- 41 Preposition
- 42 Archaic: to
- 44 To postpone

- 47 Representation on a small scale
- 51 French coin
- 52 To declare
- 53 Image
- 54 Greek letter
- 55 Charge
- 56 To converse informally
- 57 Weight

- VERTICAL
- 1 Norse armed galley
 - 2 Flat surface
 - 3 Property
 - 4 Mythological Greek hero
 - 5 Fruit seed
 - 6 Residences
 - 7 Networks
 - 8 Sanctuary
 - 9 To loiter
 - 10 Limb
 - 11 Footlike part

- 17 Exclamation of comprehension
- 19 Archaic pronoun
- 22 To permit
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Egyptian goddess
- 26 Optical instrument
- 27 Shoshonean Indian
- 28 Sandarac tree
- 29 Indian mulberry
- 30 Dun
- 32 To procure
- 33 Coagulated liquid
- 36 Sun god
- 37 To droop
- 38 To bring about
- 40 Part of building next below the roof
- 41 Periodic windstorm
- 43 Symbol for sodium
- 44 Depression
- 45 Imitation
- 46 To demolish
- 47 To disfigure
- 48 Yellow bugle
- 49 Snare
- 50 New Zealand bird

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GENERAL POLICY OF GERMANY IN POLAND TO-DAY

THE GERMAN Government has incorporated in the Reich three Polish provinces which Prussia had held from the 18th century partition of Poland up to 1918, Posenania, Pomorze and Upper Silesia. To these has been added a wide belt of territory eastward, including the industrial centre of Lodz, the Polish Manchester.

A rump "Government-General" Poland in Central Poland is occupied under Governor-General Hans Frank.

The Berlin correspondent of the Danish Newspaper "Politiken" Hr. Christer laederlund, who has visited Poland both before and after the occupation, reported in February that against the educated Polish classes Germany is waging a war of extermination.

Of the labouring classes, over 300,000 prisoners of war are being kept on forced agricultural or other labour in Germany, and many thousands of young Poles have already been sent to labour camps in Germany.

In the "Berliner Boersen Zeitung," Dr. Stephen of the Ministry of Propaganda announced that Poles in the incorporated territories will be expelled to central Poland and replaced by Germans.

ATROCITIES IN POLAND

The expulsions of Poles are already being carried out in the depths of winter. Under a decree of the Governor-General's they must leave behind all their property except one set of clothes, two sets of linen, one blanket, personal articles that can be carried in a small suit-case and some £2 of money.

The Danish correspondent, Hr. laederlund, mentioned above, says that how many thousands of Poles the German courts-martial, still at work all over Poland, have condemned to death will perhaps never be known. Reports speak of over 18,000 men and women put to death in the "annexed" territory, and over 6,000 in the "occupied" territory.

The official estimate of the Polish Embassy in Rome at the end of January was 15,000. A judge of one of the Courts told Hr. laederlund that at Bromberg it was necessary to choose the largest square in the town for the executions. The heaps of corpses were allowed to lie there for several days as a warning to the population.

The Judge recalled a young Pole who looked with proud indifference straight into the rifle muzzles. Just before the volley was fired he stretched his hands toward heaven and shouted "Poland is still not lost!"

Dr. Grassmann, Public Prosecutor in the Danzig district, in a public speech said that up to the middle of January, 114 death sentences had been passed in the Bydgoszcz district alone. The Poles' crime was that they shot down members of the German minority who were creating diversions and sniping behind the Polish line at the beginning of the war last September.

According to the Vatican report large numbers of priests have been killed, maltreated, imprisoned or placed in concentration camps.

POLITICAL AND CULTURAL
According to reports issued under the authority of the Pope from the Vatican an administrative decree prohibits in devoutly religious Poland all public religious services except for two hours on Sunday. In a large number of towns and villages cathedrals and churches have been permanently closed.

A Proclamation of October 27th by the German Police says that "To curb the insolent behaviour of a part of the Polish population" "Polish inhabitants of both sexes are obliged to make way before the representatives of German authority."

"The streets belong to the victors and not to the vanquished."

"Polish inhabitants of male sex are to show their respect to all leading personalities of the State, the Party and the Military Forces, by uncovering their heads."

"In the shops and at market-stands all representatives of German authority, members of

their families and all German nationals must be served first, before the vanquished."

"The wearing of Polish school uniforms, of caps with Polish badges, etc., as well as the wearing of uniforms or badges by Polish railway and postal officials is prohibited."

"All Poles who have not yet grasped that they are the vanquished while we are the victors and who will not comply with the above decree, will be punished with all the severity of the law."

A decree of Governor-General Frank's has now imposed on Poles in his territory discriminatory regulations giving Germans privileges of all sorts and everywhere stigmatizing the Poles as an inferior and subject race. New orders on police, crime and punishment make a distinction between the Polish and German inhabitants of Poland. Polish police have authority only over the subject Polish race. Citizens attested as Germans are subject only to the German police force operating in Poland.

Frank admitted to journalists in Berlin on February 9th that the Poles had been deprived of their radio sets.

ECONOMICS

In the "annexed" territory Goering has decreed that all agricultural areas and all goods not owned by Germans on September 1st, 1939, shall now be taken over by the German State. In the towns Polish businesses have been expropriated and the owners deported.

By a system of food boards (Ernaehrungsamt) at which Polish farmers will have to declare all their crops and livestock food is to be collected and sent to Germany.

LABOUR

Industrial News of February 27th, 1940, issued by the T.U.C., reports that Polish workers are at the mercy of a clique of Nazi officials and employers who can conscript them, draft them where they will, pay them such wages and work them such hours as Nazi Police chiefs deem fit. Polish workers have no claims to locally customary wages and limitations of hours obtaining for German workers, though even the latter have a working day of 10 to 12 hours not counting overtime.

"It is significant that the Nazis have given the name of the 'first General Regency of the Third Reich' to German-occupied Poland. They hope to add regions in other parts of the world to those under its yoke, to reduce free workers to slavery and to prevent the liberation of those already enslaved."

CARDINAL ON NAZI PAGANISM

Cardinal Hinsley, speaking yesterday at the inaugural meeting of the movement "Sword of the Spirit," designed to develop Catholic spiritual activities in "this fight for truth and justice and freedom," uttered a warning that the country is in peril from the wives of those whose declared purpose was to de-Christianise Europe and establish a pagan system of racialism.

The Cardinal added: "We Catholics in this country will combat their doctrine so radically opposed to our faith; we will fight to the death against their violent designs." — Reuter.

AFRICAN RAID

A Nairobi communique yesterday stated: "A quiet day. Our bombers carried out a raid on the enemy aerodrome at Yavello. The results are awaited." — Reuter.

ITALIAN U-BOATS SUNK

Details of the sinking of two Italian submarines by British aircraft were released in Cairo yesterday. In the first case, British planes on patrol sighted an Italian submarine on the surface of the water. Their first salvo of bombs dropped close to its stern and probably damaged its screw and hydroplanes. The submarine tried to submerge stern-first.

The British squadron leader dropped a salvo of bombs when only the conning tower was visible, and they fell very close to it. The submarine submerged, but the attack was kept up.

Oil bubbles then came up to the surface for some time, and a large patch of oil formed on the surface.

In the second case, two salvos of bombs were dropped on the conning-tower, and nothing more was seen of the Italian submarine.

A large patch of oil, over a square mile in area, formed around the scene, and air bubbles came to the surface for a long time. — Reuter.

STEP-NIECE OF LATE CZAR IN SINGAPORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The step-niece of the late Czar of the Russias, Mrs. Nathalie Majolier, step-daughter of Grand Duke Michael, is now a resident of Singapore since she is married to a British naval officer who was drafted to this station shortly after the outbreak of the war, according to the "Sunday Tribune."

Mrs. Majolier was a child when her mother morganatically married the Grand Duke Michael. When the Bolsheviks came into power, the Grand Duke was sent to prison in Perm and was later killed.

His family managed to escape to Turkey, after several hardships, with a few belongings. Then followed a period of residence in France and then England. The present Mrs. Majolier has been married three times, to Val Gieloud, well-known controller, and to Cecil Gray, a Scotsman, before she met her present husband.

At various times she modelled gowns for famous designers in Paris and posed as a photographer's model. All her life, and the interesting events to which she has been witness, she has written up in a book which was published in England in January last. — Havas.

CANADA DOUBLES BREN PRODUCTION

Mr. Howe, the Canadian Minister of Munitions, announced in Ottawa yesterday that the output of Bren guns during July had been "virtually doubled." — Reuter.

RETURN TO BRUSSELS

Radio Rome announced yesterday that a German plane had arrived in Brussels from Lisbon with the children of ex-King Leopold of the Belgians, on

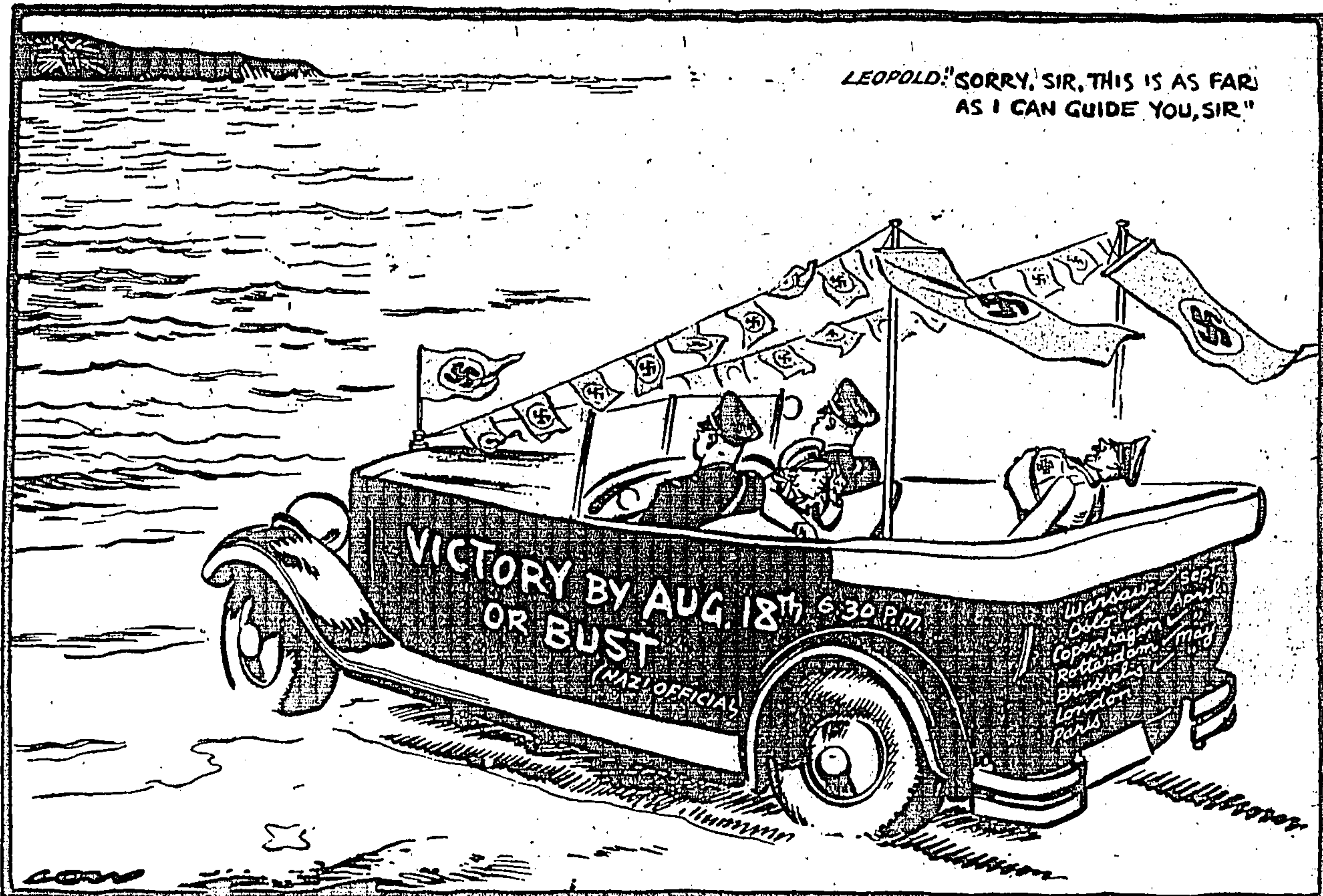
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THE TASK BEFORE US

Pitt died with the Austleritz look on his face, but his heart was undimmed. The British people have had a blow far more severe than the ruin of Pitt's plans on that battlefield in 1805, but their courage will not falter.

We face an enemy or rather two enemies whose combined power on the land and in the air greatly surpasses our own. But our resources are not measured by our own equipment. The United States, it may be assumed, will not be less anxious to help us because we stand alone. The spirit of isolation has lost ground rapidly to a more generous temper. Whether that help can be made effective depends on our own power of holding out. Germany has her own weaknesses. Her policy of spreading famine in Europe reacts on her own strength. Her people have made immense sacrifices, expecting early victory. Fox said of the war with Napoleon that the goodwill even of States too small to help was a source of strength to our arms and our policy. To-day every small State has to consider one thing only: how to avert from its own people the storm that has burst over others. As the months wear on, and as the confusion and distress that Hitler creates grow and spread, the dislike and discontent that he inspires may become an element of some importance. But the basis of our faith must be our own resolution. We are now to be tested as a nation. Nobody looking back can think of the last ten years without misgiving and dissatisfaction, for we played a poor part, wanting in spirit, imagination, and sense of duty to Europe. To-day the tone and temper of politics is completely changed. We add the obstinacy of our attitude to the resolution with which we have undertaken the struggle for freedom. The important task of providing the army with weapons is in the hands of men of energy and strong convictions, trusted by the workers, and capable, as they now from day to day, of quick and wise decision. At their head we have a Prime Minister whose character has been moulded in a special school. Mr. Churchill has had a unique experience. For years he has been



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Italy's Chances

Grave though the situation be the fight is far from over, and there can be little doubt that the Italians will now learn something to their cost.

The mass of the Italian people can hardly be enthusiastic about the war, and this undoubtedly is Mussolini's greatest danger.

It seems likely that the first blows on land will be struck on the Egyptian frontier; and here, too, we may hope that they will meet with a warm reception.

ABOUT 3,000,000 MEN

We may at once dismiss the astronomical figures which the Italian propaganda machine has published about the army in recent months; it is probably nearer the truth to suggest that the total mobilised strength of the country, including Metropolitan Army, Colonial Troops, and Fascist Militia, will not greatly exceed 3,000,000 men.

As to their qualities, the French, who are best able to judge, were not disturbed by it when I visited their troops in position on the

Italian frontier a few months ago, and though it is always a mistake to underestimate one's adversary it is never easy for a leopard to change its spots.

The sea, undoubtedly, is Italy's gravest danger point, not only on account of her almost endless coast line but because she has now of her own free will cut herself off from the outside world at both ends of the Mediterranean.

To gain an idea of Italy's great disadvantages on this element, it is only necessary to realise that the united tonnage of the French and British Fleets at the outbreak of war was more than double the tonnage of Italy and Germany.

In the air, as in the case of the army, it is difficult to assess the probable number of planes in Italy's possession; but here, unfortunately, after deducting the planes which we have recently lost in France and Flanders and the great need we still have for every plane we can spare, there can be no doubt that the Italians

naval centre and submarine base is at Leris, 80 miles to the north, and the secrets of that island have for some time been very closely guarded.

The recent history of these important and essentially Turkish islands is that they were taken over by Italy in 1912, as a security for Turkey's fulfilment of her treaty obligations at the end of the Turco-Italian war.

TREATY TERMS

Italy pledged her good faith that her occupation should be temporary. After the war, however, by the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, it was agreed between Turkey and the Allies that all these islands should pass to Italian possession. Turkey, however, burns to get them back.

As for the recent treaty signed between Turkey, France and England, it will be of interest to restate the principal terms of that important document. Turkey's engagement is that she "will assist Britain and France if an act of aggression by a European Power involves them in war in the Mediterranean, or if they are engaged in hostilities in pursuance of their guarantees to Rumania and Greece."

Britain and France agreed, in return, to go to the help of Turkey if Turkey were attacked by a European Power, or if she became involved in a war through some act of aggression which led to war in the Mediterranean area.

It is important to notice, however, that in a protocol attached to the Treaty, it is agreed that

the obligations which Turkey has undertaken in it "cannot compel" her to take any action which would involve her in armed conflict with Russia.

The effect which this non-compittal protocol would have upon the value of the Treaty if Russia should become a belligerent is obviously a matter of doubt; the protocol leaves the door open for Turkey to act as she deems best in her own interest, should the situation arise. The probable action of Russia is still imponderable.

In the well-known Totalitarian way, Italy advertised that she does not wish the war to spread to any neutral country, hoping thereby that the Balkan States and Turkey may all be induced to stay out of the war until they can be gobbled up in turn at the moment most favourable to the Axis.

Some of the Balkan States are in a very unenviable position, but Turkey at least can afford to pay slight attention to Totalitarian promises. For Britain the situation is grave and menacing, but the outlook is not altogether black, and from one point of view Mussolini's decision has cleared the atmosphere.

The intolerable uncertainty has now come to an end. Our counter-measures can now be put into force and we at least are freed from the unbearable burden of a door held wide open for German contraband by a non-belligerent with whom we have tried in vain to remain at peace.

By
Brigadier-Gen.
C.F. Aspinall-
Oglander,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

will be in greatly superior strength in the Mediterranean.

To what extent this will enable them to redress the balance of their numerically inferior navy is a burning question of the hour.

The situation at Malta, which offers itself as a tempting bait to attacks from the air, must naturally cause uneasiness; but there has been plenty of time to make such readjustments in our strategy as are necessary, and it has to be remembered that the future fate of that island will be decided not now but at the end of the war.

A HUSH-HUSH ISLAND

Great strategic importance will probably attach to the small and strongly fortified Italian island of Pantelleria, situated almost in the middle of the narrowest part of the Mediterranean, between Tunis and Sicily.

This island is 62 miles from Sicily and only 40 from the Tunisian coast at Cape Mustapha. Attention should also be paid to the fact that, with the seizure of Albania in 1939, the Adriatic became to all intents and purposes an Italian sea.

In the Eastern Mediterranean, Italy possesses an asset of great value in the Dodecanese Islands, which lie in the mouth of the Aegean, close to the south-west coast of Turkey. The largest of these, with its fine and imposing harbour, is Rhodes; but the chief

War Under The Mediterranean

From the material point of view the Italian fleet is formidable, and whatever may prove its failings in other respects, Italian engineering is to be respected. In point of speed, their cruisers and destroyers are the fastest in the world, but, as always, speed has to be dearly bought at the cost of protection or gun power.

But it is their large fleets of submarines and motor torpedo-boats, reinforced by aircraft, upon which Mussolini no doubt relies to defeat or circumvent the British Navy, which if not crushed quickly, will strangle him.

Though the number of her various classes of submarines are not known, Italy has a number of large ocean-going boats with a large radius of action. These may be expected to appear in the Atlantic to operate against our trade. They will be countered by convoy, which is not invalidated by increased liability to attack.

The fleets of smaller submarines will probably be appearing al-

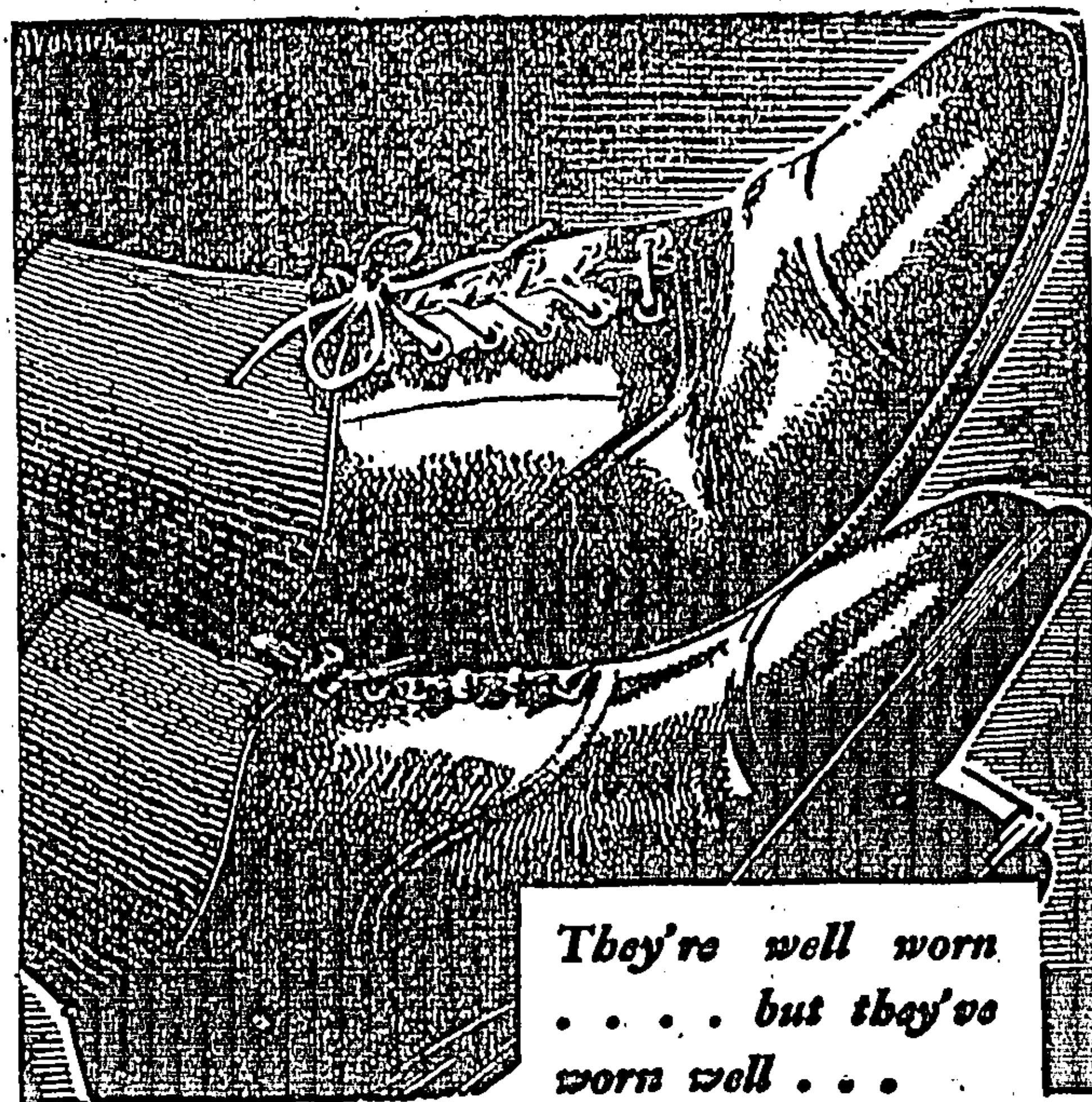
ready along those sea routes across the Mediterranean, where troop movements may be expected, and where Allied warships are therefore likely to operate.

Doubtless there will be submarine activity also in the Red Sea, based on the port of Massawa.

Strong submarine patrols may also be expected near the Straits of Gibraltar and in the Eastern Mediterranean where oil supplies leave Haifa.

We must anticipate that a stiffening of their morale, which Italians always need, will be provided by the presence of co-operating German submarines in the Mediterranean. Mine-laying off our Mediterranean ports and anchorages is certain.

By Captain
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What happens during the "dog-fight"? What does a fighter pilot see as he climbs and dives and turns, trying to close with the Nazi raider he has singled out, trying to avoid the enemy fighters who may be on his own tail?

Here in their words are "dog-fight" impressions by pilots of the R.A.F. Spitfires and Hurricanes, memories of crammed seconds put into a score of words.

One of the most vivid is by a Spitfire pilot who says, "I continued to attack below tree-level." He had dived after a Dornier 17 from 5,000 feet and pressed home his attack although the spinner of his Spitfire had been hit by a bullet and his windscreen was covered with oil. "The Messerschmitt 110 dived to ground line. I followed him down and he was within twenty feet of the ground chasing round a chimney pot." That is a Hurricane pilot's way of putting it. Another pilot said, "When I last saw the enemy he was staggering over a wood."

Sometimes a pilot tells in a few sentences how he only just managed to escape with his life. "My machine was hit from behind by machine-gun fire and four cannon shells. The last cannon shell hit my port tank and the Hurricane caught fire. I used my parachute and made a delayed drop from 6,000 feet to about 1,500

feet. When my parachute opened I was fired on by troops with rifles. Four holes were made in the parachute's canopy."

One pilot describes how in addition to being attacked from directly ahead he was surrounded. Eighteen ME 109's attacked him, and although he tried skidding and climbing he had to take to his parachute. Another destroyed a JU 88 after he had himself been hit on the wings by cannon fire from ME 109's. Then the MEs attacked him again, and this time he says: "I received direct hits with cannon fire and then dived to the ground and found my base engine temperature was now registering 145 degrees and fumes coming from the engine. I switched off to prevent being overcome by the fumes. Made forced landing on aerodrome."

But most pilots describe the end of more satisfactory fights in familiar sentences. They say: "I immediately turned round steeply, as the ME had passed quickly by, and saw the machine a mass of flames, diving towards the ground haze" or "I then saw the complete tail of the enemy aircraft break off, this aircraft rolling over and diving out of its formation vertically. Another ME blew up and disintegrated", or "My windscreen was smothered with oil so that I could only see another aircraft by the flames which just showed through the oil"; or "I saw the fuselage tear up. The rear gunner was lying helpless in the cockpit."

CASUALTIES IN LIBYA

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT CASUALTIES ON EACH SIDE OF THE LIBYAN FRONTIER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR WITH ITALY HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

British:—killed and missing 20, wounded 10, vehicles lost 10.
Italian:—killed 20, wounded 20, captured 472, vehicles lost 90, including 16 guns.—Reuter.

WHITE RUSSIAN SHOT DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Charles Metzler, head of the Shanghai White Russian organisations, was killed this morning when leaving his home in the International Settlement. The assassins escaped.—Havas.

EMERGENCY BILL BECOMES LAW

The Royal Commission yesterday signified Royal Assent to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill.—Reuter.

WIMBLEDON TAKES TO PIG-BREEDING

According to a broadcast talk by Howard Marshall, the famous commentator, from Daventry, the All-England Lawn Tennis Club is now taking up pig-breeding and sties and so forth have been erected.—Reuter.

STUPENDOUS SALE OF DIARIES

The Stationers Company have revealed that more than 10,000,000 diaries have been published in Britain for 1940. When we remember that the diary in its modern form is little more than a hundred years old, this figure is stupendous. It was in 1816 that John Letts brought out a diary which was to be the forerunner of the diary as we know it—it was the first one with space for recording daily notes. Previously the vogue had been for almanacs which made all kinds of predictions and prophecies, although as far back as 1704 there was issued a "Ladies' Diary" by one John Tipper. This contained a portrait of the favourite actress of the day and a number of geometrical problems.

REUTER ANSWERS THE AXIS

For a long time past the German and Italian wireless services have repeatedly made attacks upon Reuter's, and Reuter's silence might possibly be misunderstood.

Reuter's desire to give a flat denial to the following specific statement broadcast from Germany in connection with the tragic death of Reuter's correspondent in Tokyo that "the connection between the British Intelligence Service and Reuter's has become very close, not only in Japan but other countries."

Reuter's also flatly deny a further statement that "agents of the British Secret Service to-day hold important positions in practically every Reuter's office."

These categorical assertions are a complete lie from beginning to end and are obviously made in order to mislead or impress those people abroad who have no means of testing their veracity.—Reuter.

EVACUATION AREAS

Certain areas in East Anglia and the South-East coast of England have been declared evacuation areas by the Ministry of Home Security.—British Wireless.

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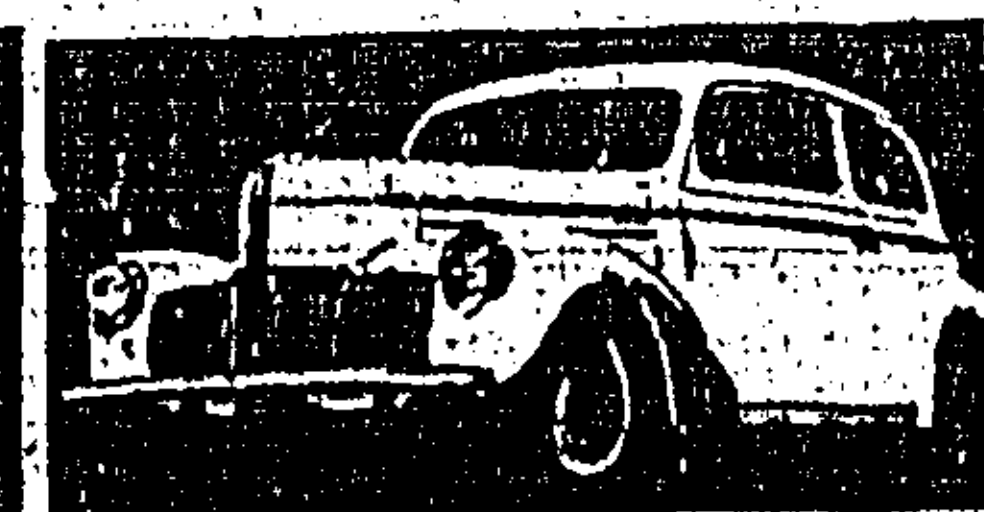
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Labour's Will To Win

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the T.U.C. meeting in London has pledged the workers of Britain to support the Government and the fighting forces until victory is won.

Mr. Churchill, in a message to Mr. Bevin, expressed his confidence that Labour would assist the State, and added: "The gravity of the situation deepens hour by hour, and we are all called upon to make a supreme effort to defend the country, to preserve our liberties, and to win the war."

Mr. Will Holmes, chairman of the T.U.C., who presided, said that the purpose of the conference was to consider the situation and the action taken by the General Council in relation to the measures resolved upon by the Government in the height of the emergency.

They were to consider what these measures involved for the trade unions. They had a real and direct responsibility to their members which war could not cancel, and the Government had not thought to override their responsibility.

Sir Walter Citrine presented a report upon the events leading up to the calling of the conference, and moved a resolution endorsing the action of the General Council in giving its full support to the necessary measures that must be taken to protect our people by organising the entire resources of the country and striving to the utmost to defeat the forces of aggression.

THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, read the following message from the Prime Minister:

"Dear Mr. Bevin. — I shall be glad if you will give to the conference of trade union executives an assurance of my deep and active interest in the purpose of their assembly, and let them know how much I should have welcomed, under conditions of less urgency and pressure of manifold dangers, an opportunity to speak to them personally."

"The conference, I am sure, will appreciate the nature of the responsibility which falls upon you as a Minister of State in this great crisis of our fortunes in explaining to the unions the necessity which has caused Parliament to enact the new emergency legislation and how the Government plans to use its exceptional powers for the prompt and complete organisation of the country's industrial resources to help us to meet the imminent perils that face us."

"The country's needs are imperative, inescapable, and unperishable, and we shall pay dearly if we fail to meet them. We can meet them as a Government founded upon a new unity of national purpose and with the creative energies of a people awakened to the magnitude of the task. We have the fullest confidence in the readiness of the organised workers to accept the obligations arising out of the demand which the State is compelled to make upon their endurance and their capacity for sacrifice."

"We look with equal confidence to the trade union executive, called into conference by their General Council, to assist the State by using their widespread organisation to serve the purposes you will unfold at the conference."

"The gravity of the situation deepens hour by hour, and we are all called upon to make a supreme effort to defend the country to preserve our liberties, and to win the war. Trade unionists with the tradition of sacrifice in the service of freedom will not hesitate to throw their full strength into the struggle."

A SALUTE TO COURAGE

Mr. Bevin explained his plan of operations in some detail, and elucidated his proposals further in answer to questions.

The conference then adopted the resolution moved by Sir Walter Citrine, and also the following declaration:—

"This conference of trade union executive councils, assembled at this hour of crisis, expresses to the heroic defenders of liberty in the armed forces and merchant navies of the Allied nations its profound trust in their iron resolve to withstand the forces of aggression and to achieve victory."

"The conference also affirms to the peoples whose territory has been ravaged by a pitiless foe its deep sympathy with them in their ordeal and its confidence in the restoration of their lands and liberties by the defeat of the invaders."

"Men of the fighting forces, we salute your courage and determination. We are unitedly resolved that all our internal resources shall be used to the full to provide the arms and munitions you need. In courage and determination we are with you in the fight until victory is won."

Only four hands were raised against the resolution, those of three women and one man.

'FAMILY OF NATIONS' AT THE QUEEN'S

"Family of Nations," which is now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra, is a biography of the British Empire in pictorial terms. It is an absorbing compilation of historical events gathered from the film library of the British Government.

It opens with scenes of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London and throughout the British Isles and takes the onlooker through the years of peace following the Boer War.

The passing of King Edward, the Coronation of King George, the Durbar ceremonies, the funeral pageant of King George, the reign of Edward, his abdication, and the Coronation of His Majesty George VI are depicted in a series of scenes remarkable for their photographic clarity.

Other notable passages in this historical film document include the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada and the United States, with intimate views of Their Majesties in Ottawa and Washington, the demonstrations of armed forces in the capitals of Germany, Russia and Italy, and the hectic days in London preceding and immediately following the Munich pact. "Family of Nations" was produced by John Drinkwater, under the supervision of the British Government.

It runs about 40 minutes and is being shown in conjunction with RKO's "Mexican Spitfire."

"CONCHIE" AND VICTIMIZATION

A conscientious objector in England, who claimed victimization pay from his union on the ground that he was displaced by his employers because of his views had his claim refused by Leicester Hosiery Union. The secretary said that discharged conscientious objectors may claim unemployment benefit but victimization pay claims will not be considered, as they are being discharged at the request of their fellow-workers who refuse to work with them.

FATSHAN HELD BY JAPANESE

The s.s. Fatshan, only British vessel permitted to navigate the Pearl River once a week to Canton was refused clearance from Canton yesterday by the Japanese authorities.

This morning the ship was still held up.

It is learned that the Japanese suddenly imposed certain restrictions yesterday on the operations of the ship between Hong Kong and Canton, and the vessel was not allowed to make her routine return voyage to Hong Kong yesterday morning.

Negotiations between the British and Japanese authorities in Canton were still proceeding this morning and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached shortly.

Negotiations regarding the matter are also being undertaken in Hong Kong with the authorities concerned.

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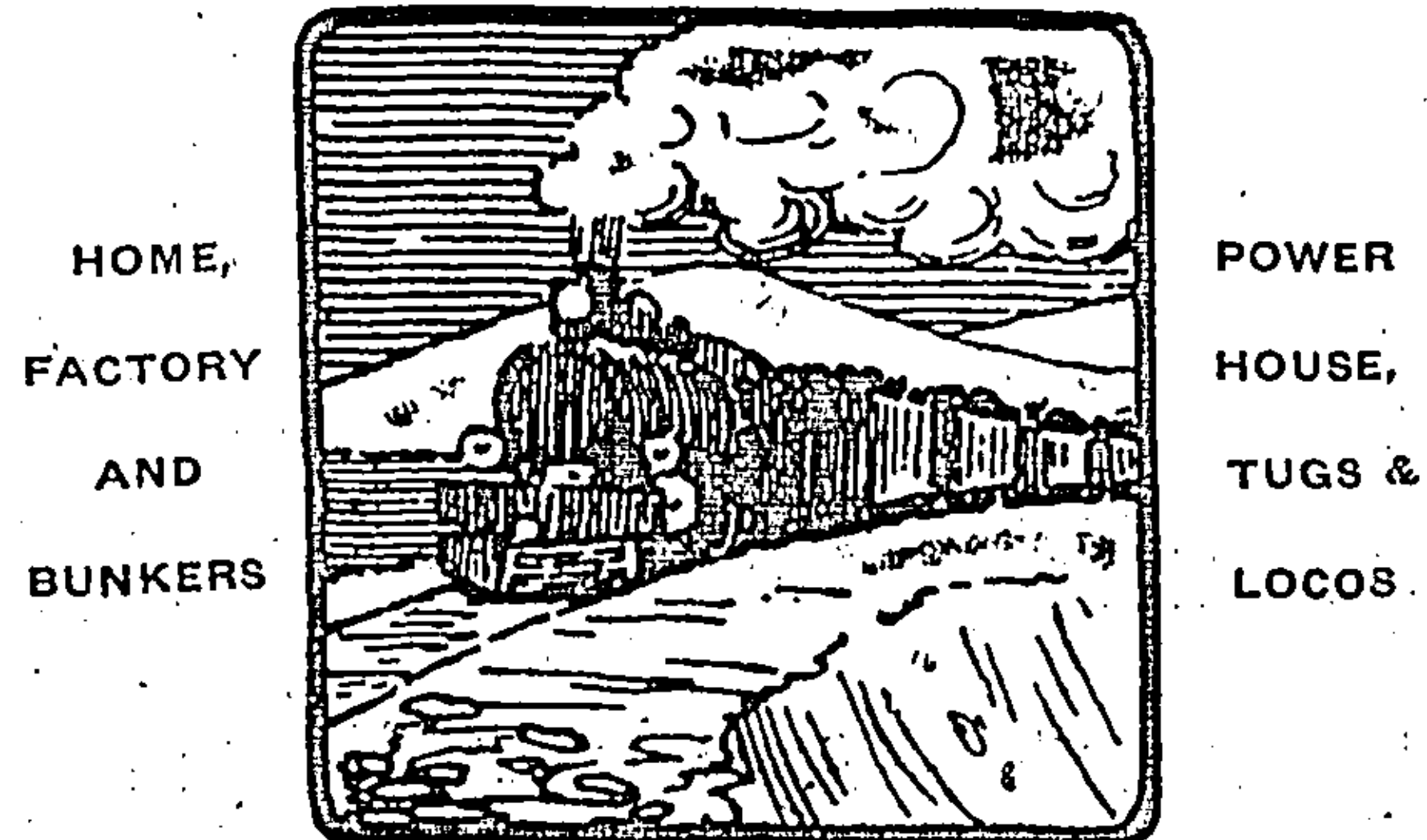
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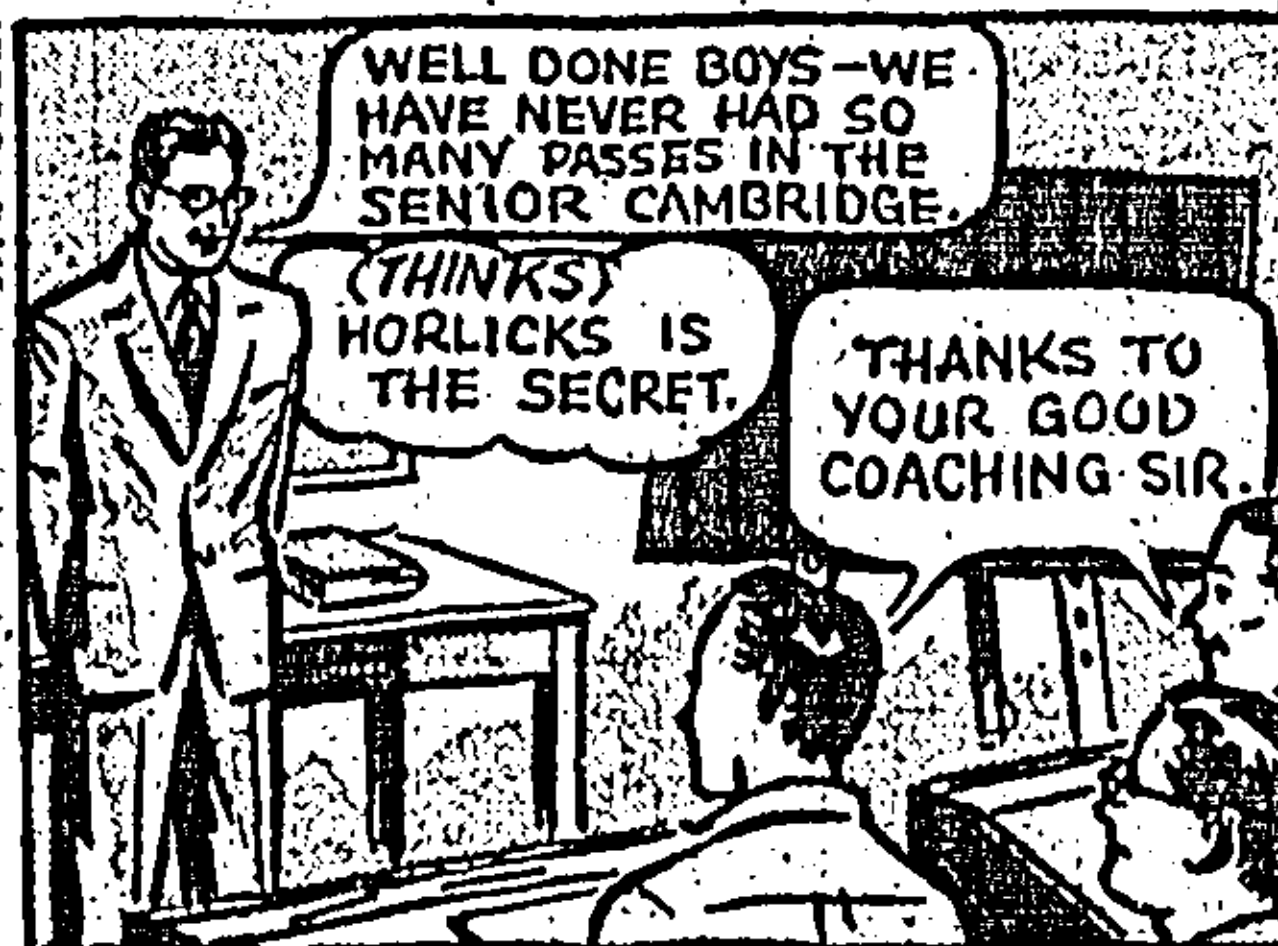
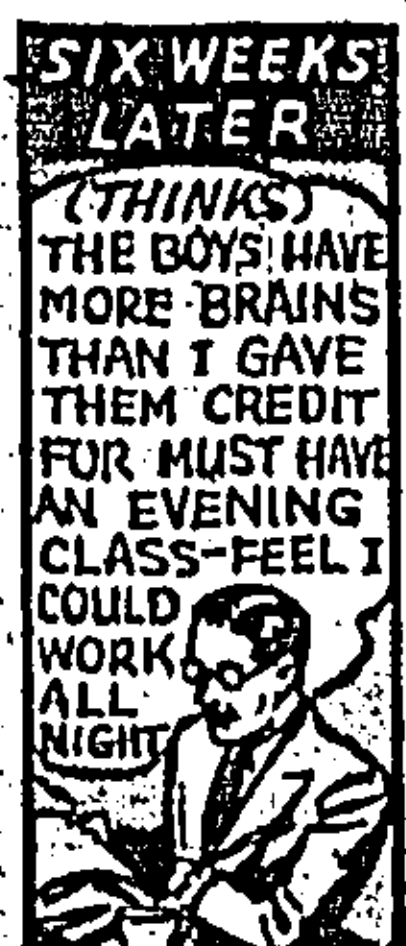
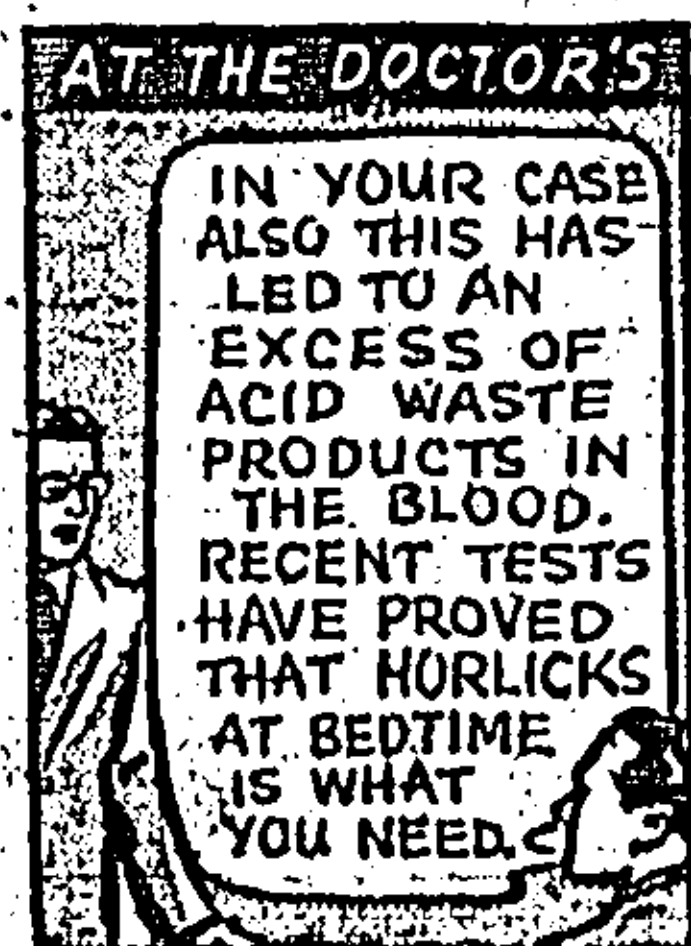
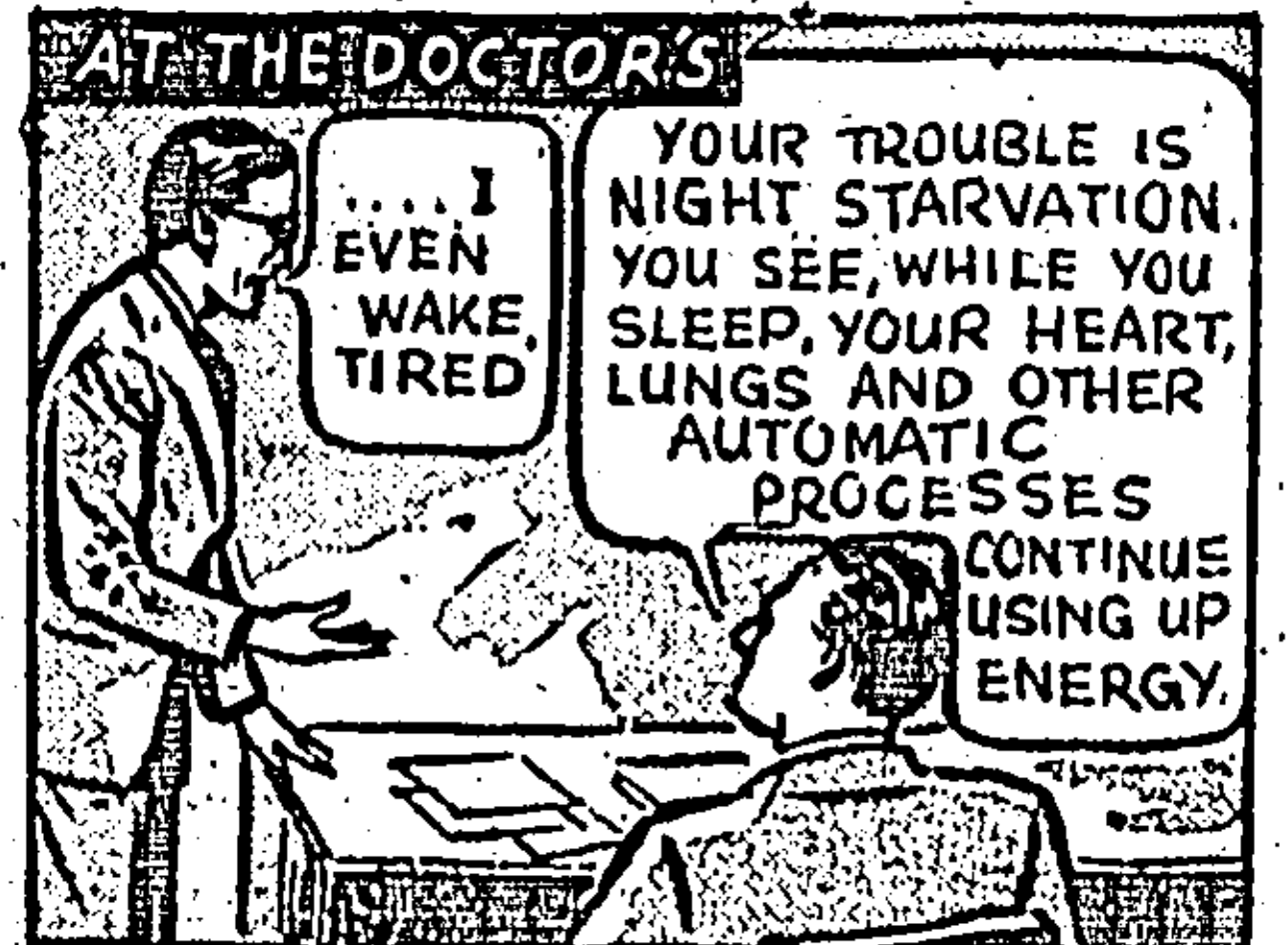
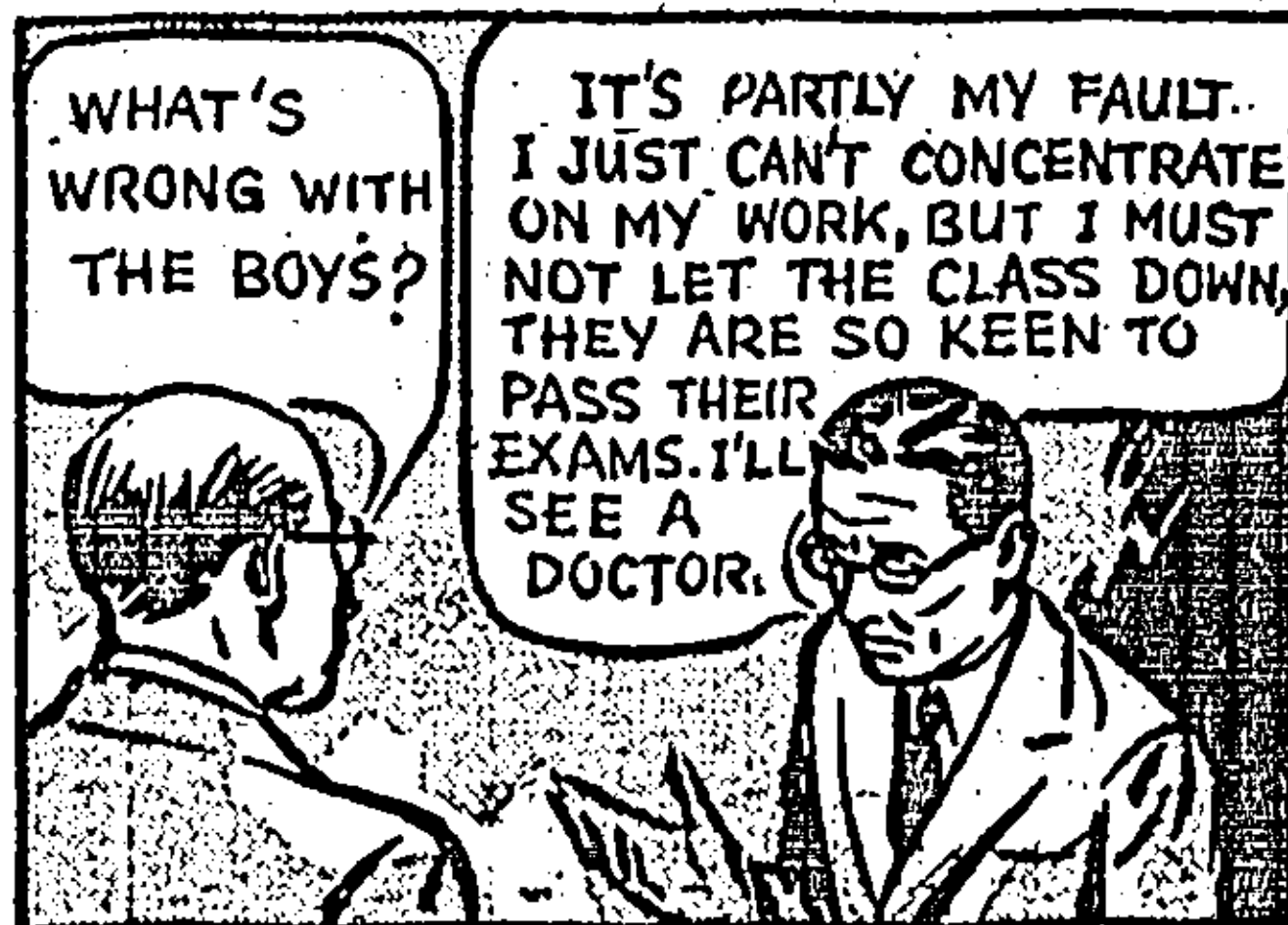
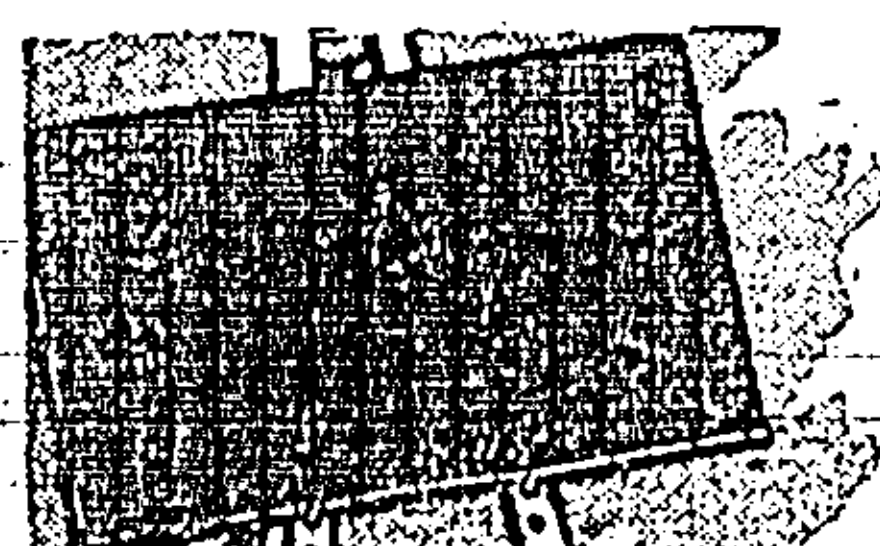
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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Interim Dividend of £2.10/- per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th JUNE, 1940, at rate of 1/2.7/8 per Dollar.

THE DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after 12th AUGUST at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from 29th JULY to 10th AUGUST (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 29th July, 1940.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 6th day of August, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 439.	South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, adjoining Garden Lot No. 110 and Rural Building Lot No. 397.	As per sale plan				About 20,250	\$232	\$5,083

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 423.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Mong Kok Road, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan				About 16,200	\$298	\$29,350

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ASSEMBLING THE EVIDENCE
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South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 8 7 3
 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ K Q 10 7
 ♠ 10
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ 5 2
 ♠ J 9 8 4
 ♥ A K 9 5 4 2
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 6
 ♠ A 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, dummy finessed, and East won with the King. A low heart return forced South to hop up with the Ace and look for some new way to win the twelfth trick, obviously he could take six trumps, three clubs, and the two red aces; but the big question was whether to play for a 3-3 break of the clubs or to finesse through West for the Jack.

Declarer quite properly decided to make up his mind at the last possible moment. Accordingly, he drew trumps, discarded a heart on dummy's diamond Ace, and then ran his four remaining trumps.

West was obliged to jettison everything but the four clubs, since a club discard at any point would have solved South's problem automatically. And South seeing West discard all the diamonds and the ten and King of hearts became convinced that such heroic measures were inspired by a desire to retain four clubs. He therefore cashed the club King and Ace, and then finessed the ten of clubs, thus fulfilling the Slam contract.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner. Neither side was vulnerable, and you held:

♠ K J 10 9
 ♥ K 7 5 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 7 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenkes	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	(7)	



The gay young blade says his day is spent paying the fiddler for the good time he had the night before.

ANSWER: Bid five hearts. Slam is practically certain with your strong hand opposite a partner who can make a jump rebid. Since you did not jump-raise before, you must show your strength now. Score 100% for five hearts, 70% for six hearts, 50% for four no-trump, 10% for four hearts.

QUESTION NO. 478

As dealer, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A Q J 10 7

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GETTING DOWN TO THE JOB

The Government's new plan for the fullest employment of industrial capacity on war requirements was explained in London yesterday by Mr. Harold Macmillan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Macmillan declared that Mr. Morrison, the Minister of Supply, had requested the Production Council resolutely to tackle the whole problem "of marrying industrial capacity and war requirements."

New area boards had been set up and any individual industrialist, who felt his unused capacity could be employed on war work, could address himself to the area board, which should be able to secure for any works capable of executing this, either contracts or sub-contracts.

One of the board's duties would be to carry out a complete inspection of machine tools. It would also be the function of the boards to act as controllers of war production in their areas in the event of a breakdown of communications and for rebuilding factories in the event of destruction by bombing.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CARE OF REFUGEES

It was announced in Washington yesterday that President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate immediately \$125,000 to be used for a Children's Bureau to establish and maintain a standard of care for European refugee children.—Reuter.

REFUGEE CHILDREN IN CANADA

Since the evacuation of British children to Canada began, 227 have been admitted to Canada for the duration of the war, it was stated in the House of Commons at Ottawa yesterday.—Reuter.



Eleven civilians are known to have been killed and fourteen injured in raids over East Anglia. Most casualties occurred in one locality where bombs fell on a row of houses. Photo shows a striking general view showing the wrecked houses. (Copyright, Fox).

ADMIRAL PASSES

The death of Admiral Henry Wise Parker was announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

Admiral Parker was born in June 1875 and was educated at Oakham School. He entered H.M.S. Britannia in 1889 and became a commander in 1908; captain in 1914; rear-admiral in 1925; vice-admiral in 1929 and admiral in 1938. He commanded H.M.S. Benbow at the Battle of Jutland in 1916 and was mentioned in despatches and created a C.B. Between 1922 and 1924 he was Director of the Operations Division of the Naval Staff and he commanded H.M.S. Repulse during an Empire cruise in 1924.

Between 1926 and 1928 he was Director of Naval Equipment and was rear-admiral commanding the 1st Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet from 1928-30. He was Admiral commanding the Reserve, 1931-33 and was placed on the retired list in 1934.

Admiral Parker was married in 1928 to Miss Dehra Chichister.

PETAINE'S CHANGES

IMPORTANT NEW CHANGES IN FRANCE'S DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN EUROPE AND OVERSEAS WERE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN VICHY YESTERDAY ACCORDING TO THE HAVAS AGENCY.

The appointment of M. Henry Huys, mayor of Versailles as Ambassador to Washington is confirmed and the Ambassador at Ankara, M. Massigli, has been placed on the unattached list.

Changes have also been made in Bucharest, Belgrade, Budapest, Montevideo and Stockholm.—Reuter.

H.K. EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

To convey the deepest sympathy over the death of Mr. M. J. Cox, Reuter's veteran Chief Correspondent in Tokyo, to the Manager of the Hong Kong branch of the news agency, was one of the resolutions passed by the Hong Kong Reporters' Club at their fourth General Meeting last night.

It was also decided to send a condolatory message to the widow of the late Mr. Samuel H. Chang who was assassinated in Shanghai.

CANADA STILL IN THE LEAGUE

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, told the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday that Canada had "not decided against discontinuing" membership of the League of Nations.

The Premier was replying to a member who asked what the League had done for Canada.—Reuter.

INCOME TAX IN AUSTRALIA

Australia is to adopt the same method as Britain in the collection of Income Tax, which will be collected at source.

The possibility of instalment payments is being investigated.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER OF JULY

From the 1st to the 11th July the weather was mainly cloudy and rainy. The next ten days were hot and sunny, but on the 23rd there was a sharp fall in temperature, and the remainder of the month was comparatively cool, with further heavy rain and occasional thunder-storms. A typhoon, which entered the coast between Hong Kong and Swatow on the afternoon of the 28th, gave rise to strong westerly winds and prolonged rainfall.

The mean temperature for the month was 82.7 deg. F., which is 0.60 deg. above normal. A maximum of 92.0 deg. was recorded on the 18th and 20th, and a minimum of 72.8 deg. on the 24th. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent. which is normal.

Sunshine amounted to 158 hours, against a normal of 212 hours. The total rainfall was 21.77 inches, which is 6.63 inches above normal. July was the fifth successive month in which rainfall exceeded the normal.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 53 m.p.h. at 3.36 p.m. on the 28th, during the passage of the typhoon.

GOOD SPOTS ON EXCHANGE

Although general trading on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was quiet, there were some good spots, chief being oils, which sharply strengthened following the United States' restriction on exports of aviation spirit which the market considered bullish for shares of oil companies operating within the British Empire. Gilt-edged were higher and Kaffirs were inclined to strengthen. Industrials were irregular. Wall Street was indecisive.—Reuter.

MAORIS IN THE ARMY

The New Zealand Minister of Defence announces that 43 per cent. of the Maoris eligible for enlistment have already volunteered for service with the Maori Battalion, whose total strength is 4,103.—Reuter.

RECONNAISSANCE IN KENYA

In a communique from Cairo yesterday it was stated that a reconnaissance party pushing towards Dabel, Kenya, withdrew after meeting strong opposition. On other fronts nothing to report.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. Silver was quoted at 22-5/16 spot and 22-1/16 forward.

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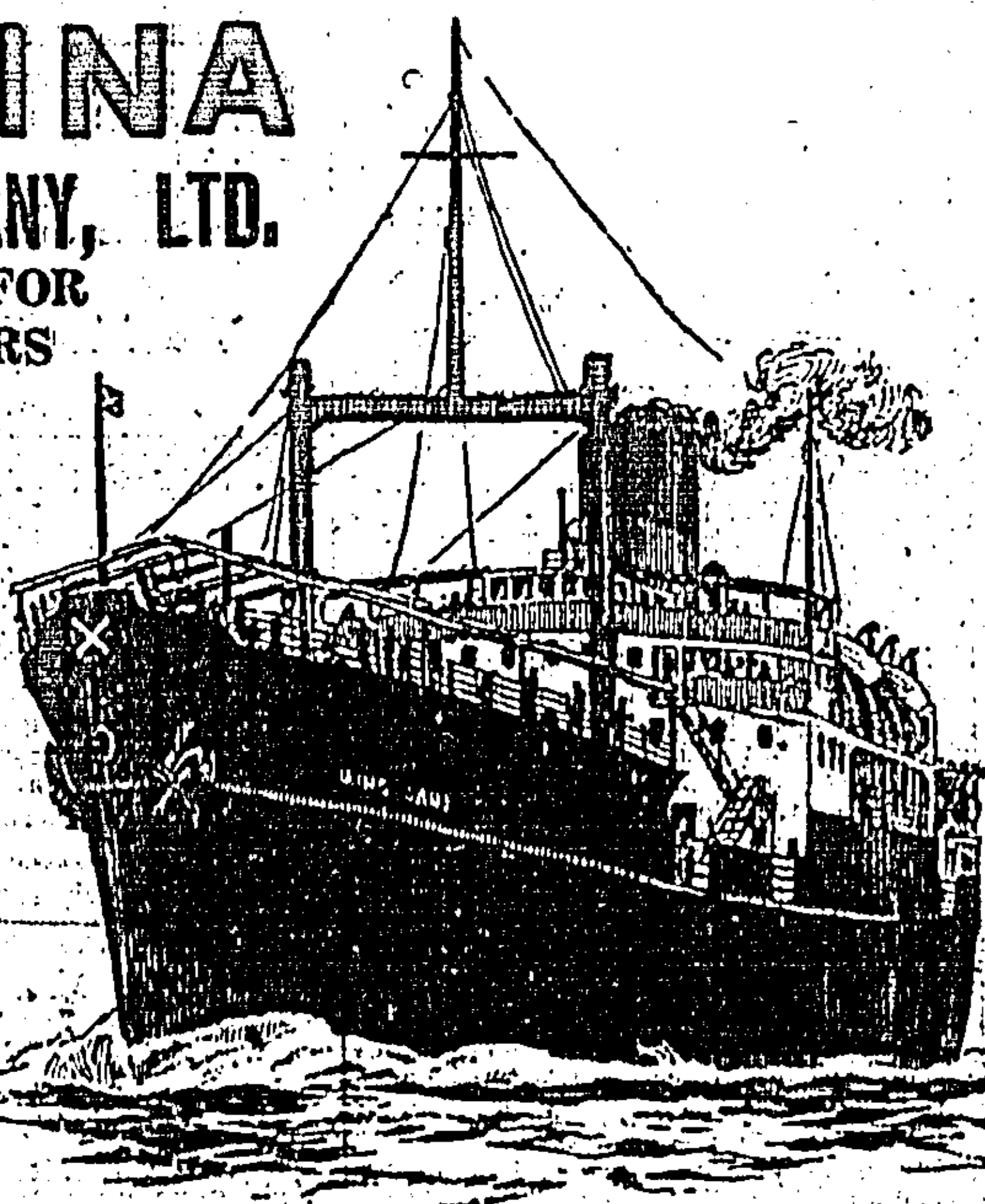
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.
12.44 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra and Charles Kullman (Tenor).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado".
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
7.02 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.04 p.m.—A Welsh Programme.—Mable Parry (Soprano), Ben Morgan (Tenor), William Edwards (Tenor), and the Rhonda Welsh Glee Singers with Piano in Welsh.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.—Alice Faye with Orchestra, Sandy Powell and Company, The Maestros (Quintette), Elsie and Doris Waters, Tony Martin with Mannie Klein and His Swing-a-Julas, Murgatroyd and Winterbottom, Rolo de Costa, and Al and Bob Harvey with Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs", by Wickham Steed.
9.45 p.m.—A Request Classical Programme.—Boston Promenade Orchestra, Dennis Noble (Baritone), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin), Theodore Chailapine (Bass), Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra, Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra, Arthur Rubinstein (Piano), Jussi Bjorling (Tenor), Fritz Kreisler (Violin), and George Bakdale (Trumpet).
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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Extreme Results Feature Saturday's Bowls Programme

Rodrigues' Rink Smash Some Seasonal Records

Kowloon Dock R.C. Avoid The Relegation Bogey

By "Skip"

RARELY HAVE THE results of lawn bowls League games been as extreme as they were on Saturday, for whilst there were seven which finished with a margin of 20 or more—I have included Recreio's 19 in this!—seven shots or less divided the scores in six of the remaining seven games.

The rink skipped by A. M. Rodrigues was in the limelight by reason of beating several seasonal records either for the whole League or just divisional; their score of 45 being, however, one less than last year's highest. This was secured by Bradbury who won by 38 shots.

The three First Division leaders, Recreio, Craigengower and K.B.G.C., all won as expected, whilst Kowloon Dock secured a couple of useful points against the improved Hong Kong Football Club team and need now have little fear of relegation.

In the Second Division, where winning margins of 50 and 45 secured the two first prizes in the sweep for members of Club de Recreio—or their ladies!—Kowloon B.G.C. did themselves some good by soundly beating Taikoo at Quarry Bay, and Craigengower kept themselves in a useful position by beating Kowloon Football Club on the latter's green.

Kowloon Football Club's Third Division team made up for the lapse of their elder brethren by beating the Prison Officers at Stanley, a fine feat, whilst the Electricians only just managed to beat K.B.G.C., who turned up a man short and had to borrow a very efficient spectator, who would appear to be a relation of one of the home team!

Jack Watson's H.K. Football Club rink might have secured banner headlines for their tally of 42 shots had not their thunder been stolen by the four I have previously mentioned, though they secured divisional honours with their big score. There's nothing like having plenty of Number Threes to guide a skip!

Biggest In Division

Although the Craigengower margin of 34 against Kowloon Cricket Club did not secure a sweep prize as I forecast, it was quite the biggest in this division and was well merited, for the visitors were outplayed on two rinks. Omar's four proved altogether too strong for Spary, deputising for Joe Fraser who was unable to turn out, and won by 19 shots, which was two better than Charlie Rosset's effort against Teddy Fincher. The home rink all played well here, Willie Hong Sling and Luigi Souza laying the foundation for victory by completely putting Champelovier and Tommy Madar in the shade. Teddy Ramsay, always up against it, played well with no loss but Fincher was not at his best. Joe Landolt and his skip did all that was necessary without having to be brilliant.

Ernie Kern's rink did well to beat the nonchalant Dick Basa, though it required a three at the last head to do so.

The visitors, starting with a count of five, ran into a lead of 10/5 but then the home team chalked up first a six and then a four which completely changed the aspect of the game as Kern's big lead had been counter-balancing to a good extent the deficits which the other two rinks, especially Fincher's, were experiencing. Omar had meanwhile earned a good seven—and a bottle of whisky at the 10th head and foreboded events to come.

Club de Recreio, although they lost on one rink by a couple of shots, never had to worry about the result of their game against the Indians as they were more than a dozen to the good after the first six or seven heads. Minu had the honour of being the only winning skip but Abe Abbas went down heavily to Carlos Silva,

whose heavy eye was well in. Suggy Silva was always nicely ahead of Dallah and won by eight shots.

Useful Count

Kowloon Dock were only a couple to the good with two heads to go all round but then McKelvie secured a useful nap hand to turn the scales and ward off the challenge, which George Duncan, with a four at the 20th head, was making. The latter played a very good game to beat Cullen and he had useful support from his frontmen. Alec Calman had a touchier every head, or so it seemed, whilst John Revie was right back to form as second man to McKelvie and the steady play of these two had much to do with the home rink's victory over Bebbington, for whom Bickford was useful. Bebbington also shone but "Brooky" was not at his best, except with some weighty ones.

Bob Morrison gained the lead by means of a five at the sixth end against the stylish Kenneth Robertson and he never looked back. McMaster as his second man showed considerable improvement and put in many useful woods to worry Lionel Lamert, third man to the visiting skip.

The result of the game between Police and Recreio "B" devolved upon one rink as both Fender and Basto and Noronha and Post, skipping in place of Carey, tied at 19-all. Jim Shepherd carried the day by beating John Basto by seven shots—and when I say Shepherd I mean Shepherd himself as he was the outstanding man on his side though Jock Orem was not far behind in merit. The first two men were not as good as their opposites although Nolan did not do badly against Derios Alves. Doc Guterres was also good on the losing rink but Basto had an off day, as did his brother "B.B." on the next rink, in opposition to Jock Fender. Jackie Noronha went right ahead against Ted Post but the latter pulled up well, thanks largely to a good seven, and was able to tie at the last end.

Drew Away

There was little to choose between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Civil Servants until after the interval, when the former gradually drew away to win by a comfortable score. Holland had the best result when he beat Fred Jones' rink by eight shots. Jack Hollidge and Tommy Robson had a rare duel as second men in this rink and honours were about even whilst Walker was the better of two moderate leads.

Bert White, the home number two, gave a remarkable exhibition of second man's play against McGowan, who was also in fine form and would have outshone most players on his day's play. Guy was beating Collyer but with the woods running a trifle unkindly for him, Jack Deakin was equal to Alf Hall.

Apart from Burling, who could not get the weight, the players on the other rink may be said to have been about equal. Elliott Purvis showed much better form

THIRD DIVISION NOTES HELD OVER

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Skip's notes on last week's Third Division bowls games will not appear.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent various clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

RECREIO

First Division "A" (v. C.S.C.C., away):—L. J. Silva, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (Skip); L. F. Xavier, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip); J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

First Division "B" (v. K.B.G.C., home):—F. A. Machado, C. A. Lopes, C. Roza Pereira and H. Basto (Skip); D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, A. P. Guterres and J. J. Basto (Skip); M. E. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, J. C. Remedios and J. E. Noronha (Skip).

Second Division (v. Taikoo R.C., home):—H. R. Pinna, P. Vyanovich, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (Skip); P. M. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. Alves and A. M. Rodrigues (Skip); A. J. Osmund, C. Vas, A. M. Xavier and E. Souza (Skip).

K.D.R.C.

First Division (v. K.C.C., away):—R. Lapsley, R. H. Lapsley, G. Cooper and F. Cullen (Skip); A. M. Calman, J. Revie, T. Calman and J. McKelvie (Skip); W. Houston, W. D. McMaster, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison (Skip).

P.O.C.

Third Division (v. I.R.C., away):—A. Hircok, J. W. Fitzgerald, C. Gowland and W. J. Bagley (Skip); V. Freeman, P. N. Hill, G. B. Foster and T. M. Pile (Skip); W. Webber, J. W. Hudson, J. McCutcheon and A. Jillett (Skip).

H.K.C.C.

Second Division (v. K.B.G.C., away):—F. D. Angus, J. A. Mount, A. Nissim and R. H. Wild (Skip); J. Prentice, A. T. Lay, E. Hospes and R. R. Davies (Skip); J. A. D. Morrison, A. K. MacKenzie, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., away):—W. J. Hanson, L. E. N. Ryan, W. A. Cruickshank and P. S. Cassidy (Skip); H. B. L. Dowbiggin, G. R. Razavel, H. A. Angus and W. A. Cornell (Skip); T. C. Fairburn, E. M. Wylie, C. G. Aitkenhead and A. McKellar (Skip).

K.C.C.

First Division (v. K.D.R.C., home):—A. W. Smith, G. Lee, W. Hyde and E. Kern (Skip); V. C. Labrum, T. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher (Skip); W. Naef, L. Jack, J. Fraser and P. Goodwin (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.F.C., home):—E. Curtis, A. Bone, G. Moss and T. W. Carr (Skip); C. Champelovier, G. Taylor, R. Marks and H. Overy (Skip); R. Leigh, W. Parsons, R. Wellwood and A. Spary (Skip).

K.F.C.

Second Division (v. K.C.C., away):—W. Groves, R. Hughes, C. Dowman and W. Simpson (Skip); J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall and P. Youngusband (Skip); A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, J. Hendon and V. Chittenden (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.F.C., home):—C. Woodcock, R. Ogden, S. Wong and B. Evans (Skip); G. Cross, B. Thomson, Y. Abbas and J. Smalley (Skip); W. Seraphina, C. Mezgar, C. Pile and J. Smith (Skip).

TAIKOO R.C.

Second Division (v. Club de Recreio, away):—W. Melrose, L. A. Gibson, T. F. Stalton and J. C. Chalmers (Skip); R. Main, A. McArthur, C. Bevalard and D. Munro (Skip); D. Cowll, T. Grimes, J. A. Watson and R. M. Keown (Skip).

P.R.C.

First Division (v. Craigengower Home):—Y. R. Hunter, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Tender (Skip); G. Perkins, W. J. Cameron, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip); T. Nolan, H. Brown, J. Orem and J. Shepherd (Skip).

Second Division (v. Craigengower Home):—A. J. Johnson, E. Willcox, T. Channing and J. C. Aitken (Skip); J. W. Harrop, G. Willerton, A. Soutar and J. W. Macdonald (Skip); W. L. Clark, W. E. Hollands, J. R. McWalter and W. McLeod (Skip).

against Deacon but Gill, although opposed to the weakest man, was the best of the home players. Eccleshall started off well but fell off, whilst Rakusen earned his honours by reason of saving a couple of fives, the first as the result of a good shot, and the second by one not quite so good.

SECOND DIVISION

Good Win For K.B.G.C. Over Taikoo; Bob Duncan Again Shines

By "Skip"

OUTSTANDING RESULT in Second Division was that at Quarry Bay, where Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat the home team on all rinks, Bob Duncan having the biggest margin when he beat Munro by nine shots.

Ernie Pope laid the foundation for this win and he had Bob Main beaten generally. Dixon was also good for the visitors whilst Munro himself was the star man of the home rink and saved many shots.

Lockhart was drawn against Jimmy Chalmers and he started off like the proverbial house on fire and lead by as much as 16/3 before the home four got going, however, the latter scored freely to get within two of their opponents, who eventually won by seven, thanks largely to Lockhart's own woods, for he was brilliant.

Fatal Number

Everything was serene for the visitors on the other rink until they reached the fatal number. Then they got the jitters and a good seven to Taikoo resulted. The visitors first three men were beating their opponents until then

and it had been left to Dick Keown to hold the fort, just as it was left to him to revive the spirits—in bottle form—of the home side by means of a brilliant shot.

Taikoo were lying a bunch when Busty Bower played his first shot—a heavy one which just missed the objective. Told to repeat the shot, with a slight correction, of course, he missed again and meanwhile Jim Watson had added one. Drew was also heavy, though I heard he should have tried to save, and Keown put another one amongst them to count three or possibly four at the most. The home skip wanted to put in another after Drew had failed again but Watson was adamant and after not a little hesitation Keown came up heavily to push the enemy's nearest wood out of the count and remain there himself. Keown caught up shortly afterwards but in spite of his own good game could not stem the tide.

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GOOD WIN FOR K.B.G.C. OVER TAIKOO; BOB DUNCAN AGAIN SHINES

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The other seven on this division went to Harry Gittins' Kowloon Tong rink and the skip's shot which secured it was equally good, for he faced out a back wood just enough to nullify it and then added the whisky shot with his last wood. As Gittins was already 18 up it seemed like rubbing it in but the home four were good value for their big win, only Willerton of the visiting team playing up to the divisional standard.

Jimmy Kew nearly emulated the feat when he finished with a six against MacDonald, whilst it is worthy of note that Stephens also contributed to a last head aggregate of no less than 16 shots. The uncertainty of bowls!

Good Win

Craigengower did remarkably well to beat Kowloon Football Club at Chatham Road and they had Lewis to thank for the points as he beat Bill Simpson by four shots. The winner had two excellent men in Xavier and Rosario and these two quite out-classed Groves and Hughes for the greater part of the game to make the victory possible.

McNeill's rink played well together, with the skip starring, to beat Field's four by a singleton. Vic Chittenden played a splendid game for Field, who was inclined to try his heavy ones which unfortunately did not connect. Bill Way and Youngusband fought a level battle with honours even at the finish both individually and numerically.

Despite a big win by Tom Carr against Costello, Hong Kong Cricket Club were able to beat their Kowloon rivals by nearly a dozen shots. A W. Brown in an inter-Hong battle against Hubert Overly, having an equally big win for the Islanders. Dai Davies and Bert Smith had an even game until the half way stage, when the former ran away from his opponent to win by 10.

Fireworks!

And last in this division and perhaps I should have put it first, was the game between Club de Recreio and Police. What a game! Ten up at five heads, 24-10 heads, so it went on until the margin reached the half-century. Remarkable thing was that Hillyer nearly beat Eddie Sousa in spite of the margin mentioned and he was only a couple to the bad when time was called.

Dr. Rodrigues ably assisted by A. M. Silva, the badminton player, H. H. Pinna and Charlie Alves, completely quashed Steven in his debut as skip but he can take it, believe me, and is probably thinking it was lucky that there were no sevens or eights against him!



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

AS mentioned in last week's Jottings, the Alley team having beaten the Asheville Chief Petty Officers on July 22 by 190 pins, it was inevitable for the latter to challenge the Alley team to a return match.

This was played off on Friday, July 26, and again resulted in a win for the Alley team by 133 pins.

Doc Molthen on this occasion was unavoidably absent and F. P. Hollis of U.S.S. Mindanao very ably filled the gap. The individual scores were as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM	ASHEVILLE
J. H. Watts 818	C. J. Summers 806
F. P. Hollis 797	G. C. Merkel 777
Joe Harvey 785	L. C. Garrett 749
S. A. Ismail 771	E. L. Wood 708

Feature of this match was the scarcity of scores of 200 or over, there being actually only two. Watts, for the Alley Team, bagged a good 212 in his first game, and Merkel, for Asheville, registered the other, making 201 in his third game.

Summers' Good Effort

Nearest approach to a 200 was notched by Summers for the Asheville, with 197 in his fifth game.

The Alley team averaged only 158 pins per player per game, while the average per player per game for the Chief Petty Officers was 152. There were only two scores of 800 or over for the five games, the Alley team bagging one and the Asheville getting the other.

Watts, for the Alley team, made 818 or an average of 164 pins per game, and C. J. Summers of the Asheville registered 806 or an average of 161 per game. Watts started off well with 212 on his first game, and 162 on his second game, but then dwindled away to a very poor 137 on his fifth game. Harvey, for the same team, was a little more consistent but registered a lowly 131 on his second game, which made his total score low.

Ismail for the Alley team started off weakly but finished well with good scores of 182 on his third game, and 193 on his fourth game; he failed to keep this up and in his fifth game made a mediocre 144.

Hollis might have done much better if he had not failed in his fifth game, making a poor 134. The same can be said about C.P.O. Summers for Asheville; his 806 might have been improved if he had not started off with a miserable 128 on the first game, and a 143 on his fourth game; actually had it not been for his poor start he would have been top-scorer of the match.

Bad Start

Merkel for Asheville also started off badly, his 129 on his first and second game, not by any means representing his ordinary scoring capability. Garrett, for Asheville, had an off day, also starting off weakly with 124 on his first game and not appearing comfortable or getting going right through the match. Wood had the lowly score of 708, or an average of 141 pins per game, and again in his case he was never able to get right down to it; he can do much better than this.

The Asheville C.P.O.'s have taken their revenge, for after sustaining two defeats at the hands of the Alley team on July 22 and July 26, they took the opportunity of challenging the Alley team on Monday, and on this occasion they won by 93 pins after a really keen struggle between both teams. The individual scores were as follows:—

ASHEVILLE	ALLEY TEAM
H. T. McCulley 854	Doc Molthen 924
C. J. Summers 849	Joe Harvey 791
L. C. Garrett 818	S. A. Ismail 687
G. C. Merkel 811	J. H. Watts 708
	E. L. Wood 151

3332 3239

Cpl. Watts for the Alley team was unable to get to the Alleys in time for the first game and C.P.O. Woods very kindly played the first game for him, and made a very useful 151. Feature of this match was the wonderfully consistent bowling of the C.P.O.'s team, for, with the exception of L. C. Garrett's 137 in his first game, the remaining players' scores per game were all between 165 and 180; as a matter of fact the highest score registered for the C.P.O.'s was 180 and they did not score a single 200, although every player scored over 800. McCulley was top scorer for his side with 854, or an average of 171 pins per game, and Summers was second with a good 849 or an average of 164. Merkel scored 811 or an average of 162 pins per game.

Brilliant Performance

The individual average per player per game was 168.8 pins—a truly brilliant performance—and they well deserved their win.

Doc Molthen bagged the highest score of the match, his 924, or 185 average per game, being worth seeing, although his 143 on his first game requires some understanding! Watts only played four games to make a good 708 or an average of 177 per game. Had he added Wood's 151 to his score, Wood played the first game for him—his score would have been 857.

Harvey did not do as well as he has done in previous matches although his 791 was useful.

Ismail was undoubtedly right off form; his 687 is nothing like what he is capable of doing. It was rather curious that although the Alley team lost they bagged the only three scores of 200 or over. Molthen notched a good

215 on his second game and 206 on his fourth game, while Corp. Watts secured the other, a useful 208 on his fifth game. Molthen almost bagged another 200, for, on his fifth game, he made a 199. The average for the Alley team worked out at 162.

The total scores for both teams (C.P.O.'s 3332 and Alley team 3239) was particularly high, and there is no doubt that it was one of the most interesting games played in the Alleys for a long time.

Again on July 31, another match was arranged between Asheville C.P.O.'s and the Alley team, and the match turned out to be quite interesting and as exciting as the last one. On this occasion the Asheville C.P.O.'s won again, but by the very low margin of 47 pins.

The individual scores were as follows:—

ASHEVILLE	ALLEY TEAM
C. J. Summers 902	J. H. Watts 903
L. C. Garrett 809	Joe Harvey 832
H. T. McCulley 788	Doc Molthen 817
G. C. Merkel 782	S. A. Ismail 682

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Valuable Contribution

Highest aggregate of the match was bagged by J. H. Watts, who made a valuable 903 for the Alley team or an average of 180 pins per game. C. J. Summers, for C.P.O.'s, followed very close behind with 902.

Joe Harvey, for the Alley team, came out of his shell and put up 832 to make the third highest aggregate, averaging 166 pins per game.

Doc Molthen was slightly lower than his usual but his 817 was very useful to the Alley team, his average being 164 pins per game.

There were five aggregates of over 800, these being bagged by the Alley team, viz., Watts 903, Harvey 832, and Molthen 817; the other two were notched by the C.P.O.'s, viz. C.P.O. Summers 902, and C.P.O. Garrett 809.

The average score per player per game for each team was practically the same.

The C.P.O.'s figures worked out at 164 pins per game per player and the Alley team 162 pins per each player per game.

Feature of this match was that although the total scores were reasonably high, there were only three scores of over 200 and all were made by the Alley team. Watts netted two of them—212 on his first game and 206 on his third—while Harvey registered the highest individual score of the match, 221 through a fine effort.

Good Match

The match was a good one, keenly-contested from start to the finish, and the result was left in doubt right up to the end of the last game.

The Alley team were ahead by 46 pins on the first game, but the C.P.O.'s won the second to lead by 71 pins; the Alleys won the third to reduce the lead to only 12 pins up for C.P.O.'s; in the fourth game the C.P.O.'s increased the lead to 31 pins, and finished up on the fifth game to still lead by 47 pins, so one can judge how closely-matched these teams were.

F. P. Hollis, of Mindanao, who holds the Ten Pin record for the month with 257 pins, almost received a headache

"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN..."

(This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen" as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press." Reference is made to baseball and to Shanghai plays and should prove of interest to Hong Kong fans.)

By "JUDGE" LYNCH

As told to Hal P. Mills

I've seen some really great plays here, great not only for this city but plays which would be classed as outstanding wherever baseball is played. I can readily recall some smart, fine plays by such sterling baseballers as Demon Hyde in his palmy days, Jimmy Deegan, Ed. Posnecke, Libboon, Murphy, Riley and others, but I must accord first honours to little Jimmy Deegan for what I consider the best play of all. Here goes:

The Amateurs were hard pressed by a startlingly strong Navy team one Saturday afternoon at the Race Course, some four or five years ago.

The score stood five to four in favour of the homesters. Eighth inning and the Navy's lead off man up. No outs and the sacks devoid of humanity. Jimmy Deegan was playing centre.

when J. E. Harman, of U.S.S. Asheville, got dangerously near his score when he put up a very good 246. His score-sheet showed that he started off with a spare, then five strikes in succession up to his sixth frame, then a spare on his seventh, a miss on his eighth, to make a 9, then striking out with four strikes in a row on his ninth and tenth frames and strikes with his two extra balls. Had he made a spare or a strike on his eighth frame instead of a 9 he would undoubtedly have beaten Hollis' score.

Promising Recruit

We have a good Duck Pin player now keen on the game in the person of Geo. Roach, for on Monday he put up a very good 329.

The record for Duck Pins for the month in the Alley is held by R. F. Pirard, with 132 pins, so Roach, with a measure of luck, might easily have beaten this. His score-sheet shows that he made two strikes and three spares.

Month's Records

The records for the month of July are as follows:—

TEN PINS	
Ladies:—Miss Ruby Tang	201
Men's:—F. P. Hollis	257

DUCK PINS	
Ladies:—Miss Nancy Ng	11
Men's:—R. F. Pirard	132

Hollis therefore has his name engraved on the Watson's Shield, receives an engraved replica of same, and also receives a supply of Tiger Beer!

STOKES MAKES GOOD CENTURY; SPLENDID INNINGS BY P. MADAR

A BRILLIANT UNDEFEATED partnership between Pat Madar and Harris saved the Colts from what appeared at one time almost certain defeat at the hands of the S.C.C. Wanderers in a League encounter on the Recs ground in Shanghai over the week-end.

The Wanderers, batting first on a batsman's paradise, knocked up the huge total of 280 for seven wickets declared, Stokes and Pearson, taking all the batting honours with 104 not out and 81 respectively. The former batted 110 minutes for his runs and though a trifle slow in the earlier stages he opened up after getting fifty and scored very quickly towards the end of his innings. He never gave a chance during his long stay at the crease, and hit eleven boundaries and one huge six. Marshall, early in the innings, had a brisk knock, smacking six boundaries and one tremendous six in an innings of 47.

Stokes and Pearson scored 120 in an hour during their partnership and the cricket seen was exhilarating.

In reply to this huge score, the Colts began poorly but Gomes and Quincey pulled the game round to such an extent that few thought the hosts would be in a tight position.

A collapse set in, however, and before the Colts knew where they were seven wickets were down for 66 runs and the time only 6.10 p.m.

At this juncture Pat Madar was joined by Harris and the two of them so successfully negotiated the Wanderers' attack that they were able to remain together for the remaining 80 minutes and play out time and, in addition, score 110 runs in this period.

The Wanderers' fielding was inclined to be slack and one or two difficult chances were missed during the last stand, but the honours went to Madar and his partner who both played sterling innings. Madar was undefeated at the close with 78.

Scores in brief:—S.C.C. Wanderers—280 for 7 dec. (F. E. T. Marshall 47, P. V. Simpson 16, L. F. Stokes 104 not out; P. Madar 2 for 68).

Reas' Colts—170 for 7 (C. E. Oller, deesen, 0, T. W. R. Wilson 14, Pat Madar 78 not out; Stokes 4 for 44).

The lead-off man worked the Amateurs pitcher for a free pass and the next man rapped the ball for a two-base hit to right, the runner, however, being held at third. The next batter, a heavy hitter, was walked, seemingly purposely although that would be strange in view of the fact that the clean up batter followed him. Maskee.

The batter poked out a short fly just over second base, which Deegan gathered in after a hard run and a pretty catch. The runner on third did not attempt to score after the catch. One out and the sacks loaded.

Deegan apparently figured what the next batter would do and accordingly he took up an unusual position daringly close to the second sack, a bit to the left. And Jimmy called the turn. The batter on the second ball thrown to him smacked out a whistling liner over second, seemingly a sure hit.

Deegan moved like a frightened jackrabbit.

A short but spectacular run, a gloved hand catch and a lightning-like snap throw to second for a double play, and the Navy's scoring chances for that inning were over.

The best part of the play was the fact that Jimmy, even while making the difficult catch, set himself in position to throw the ball. Smart baseball, I call it.

(H.P.M.'s note: "Judge" Lynch is a popular Old China Hand who attends as many baseball games as he can. Also keen on certain other sports.)

BASEBALL

HUEBNER STILL PLAYING

The Shanghai Amateurs virtually captured the championship of the City Baseball League over the week-end, when they defeated the First Battalion, the title holders, in an interesting game at the Race Course by five to one.

Al Huebner, former Hong Kong Baseball Club star, was in the pink of condition, fanning no fewer than 15 Marines and issuing no free tickets. He was touched for five scattered hits.

Another former Hong Kong man, R. Biesel Jr., was also in the limelight, clouting a homer in the eighth inning to the Pafsee Cricket Club but, as he failed to touch the second sack, was put out by Grow.

The Amateurs scored a brace of runs in the opening canto on two singles and three bobbles. The Leathernecks were given a gift run in the third inning when Holcombe let pass the third strike on Rhodes. Rhodes came in on Mudry's single and Grow's two-bagger.

In the stretching canto the Gallopers obtained three more runs to sew up the game. Schaberg tripped and Holcombe singled to score Schaberg. Huebner bunted for a single. Daniels sacrificed. Jim Ward bunted to the pitcher's box and Holcombe slid in well. While the ball was being tossed around, Biesel, running for Huebner, crossed the platter for the third point.

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Second Only To Kentucky

Now, the breeding of thoroughbreds has come back to California in startling proportions, and the State ranks second only to Kentucky—hopes soon to pass Kentucky as it did in the "champagne days" when "Lucky" Baldwin, Senator Hearst, Leland Stanford and others dominated the turf.

The new impetus to the revival of this grand old industry has been provided chiefly through the co-operation of the State's magnificent race tracks. Breeders have received every encouragement and assistance designed to put California-bred horses to the forefront of the racing world. Ordinary daily races command extremely liberal purses and the huge rewards for various handicap winners have got a new standard throughout the world.

Consequently, vast breed farms have sprung up all through the State, covering thousands of acres and representing a tremendous investment. Scientific breeding has been combined with old-time "horse sense" to produce a strain of horses unequalled in California's history. From these farms are coming thoroughbreds which achieve national fame and write new pages in racing records.

There is a total of 142 stallions now standing in the State, according to the latest figures, with more than 1,000 California bred foals expected to arrive this season.

Crosby Keen Breeder

In the south are the elaborate stables of Bing Crosby, Barbara Stanwyck, Louis B. Mayer, Charles Perkins, and many others. Famous horsemen have great breeding farms scattered throughout the State; in Santa Barbara and northward to Norman Church's fine estate near San Jose, and others in the Pleasanton district.

At Curtis Clifford's hacienda, near Sunnyvale, where Xenomay, the "wonder mare" was foaled and trained, is a hundred acres devoted to breeding of thoroughbreds and there are numerous other fine breeding farms in the Pleasanton area.

Biscuit Retires To North

In the north, near Willits, is Charles S. Howard's Ridgewood Farm where Seabiscuit has been retired to the stud. Over at the great Shasta Farm, Howard Oots has transplanted his famous Kentucky horses and is already one of the state's major breeders.

Up in Grass Valley is Errol MacBoyle's beautiful breeding farm, where 15 brood mares this season have foaled thoroughbred

colts sired by Time Supply and other noted stallions. Over at Stockton is H. C. Hill's big farm, which produced Sweepida, the California bred colt that defeated smart Kentucky and New York colts to win the Santa Anita Derby, and \$50,000, this year. In that race Sweepida showed his superior class, and his heels, to some of the most costly purchases out of Saratoga sales.

All this activity in horsebreeding hasn't been confined to racing stock entirely. A horse-conscious public has created a tremendous

ARMY SPORTS FEATURE

We regret that it has been found necessary to suspend the feature "Army Sport-light." It is hoped that it will be possible to announce shortly the revival of this column, or something on the same lines, catering to the Army sportsman.

boom in good saddle stock of all kinds and, of course, the Palomino, California's Golden Horse, is enjoying an unprecedented boom. The Roth and Spreckels stables still produce splendid carriage and gaited animals, and an increasing number of horse shows have record lists of participants.

Mak Shui-Hon Meets With Nasty Accident

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE STONING OF A linesman and the prevention of a riot by the timely intervention of the Police were the outstanding incidents in the football game between Sing Tao and the All Malayan team at Singapore on Wednesday when the visiting team were defeated by the odd goal in three.

Mak Shui-hon of Sing Tao was, however, doing—most of the attacking.

Half-way through this period Mak Shui-hon met with his accident.

The home team scored the winning goal through a penalty against Soong Ling-sing for dangerous play.

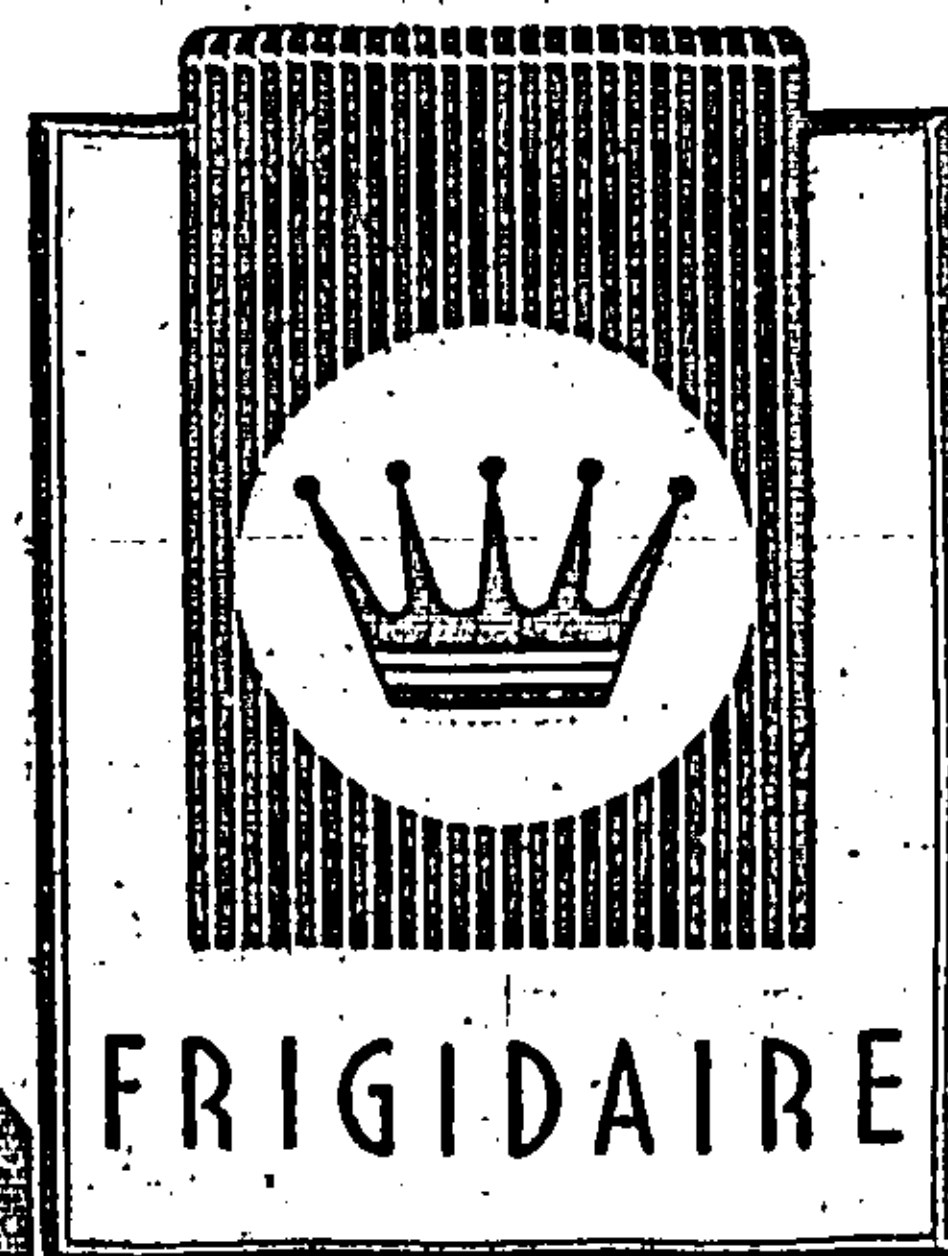
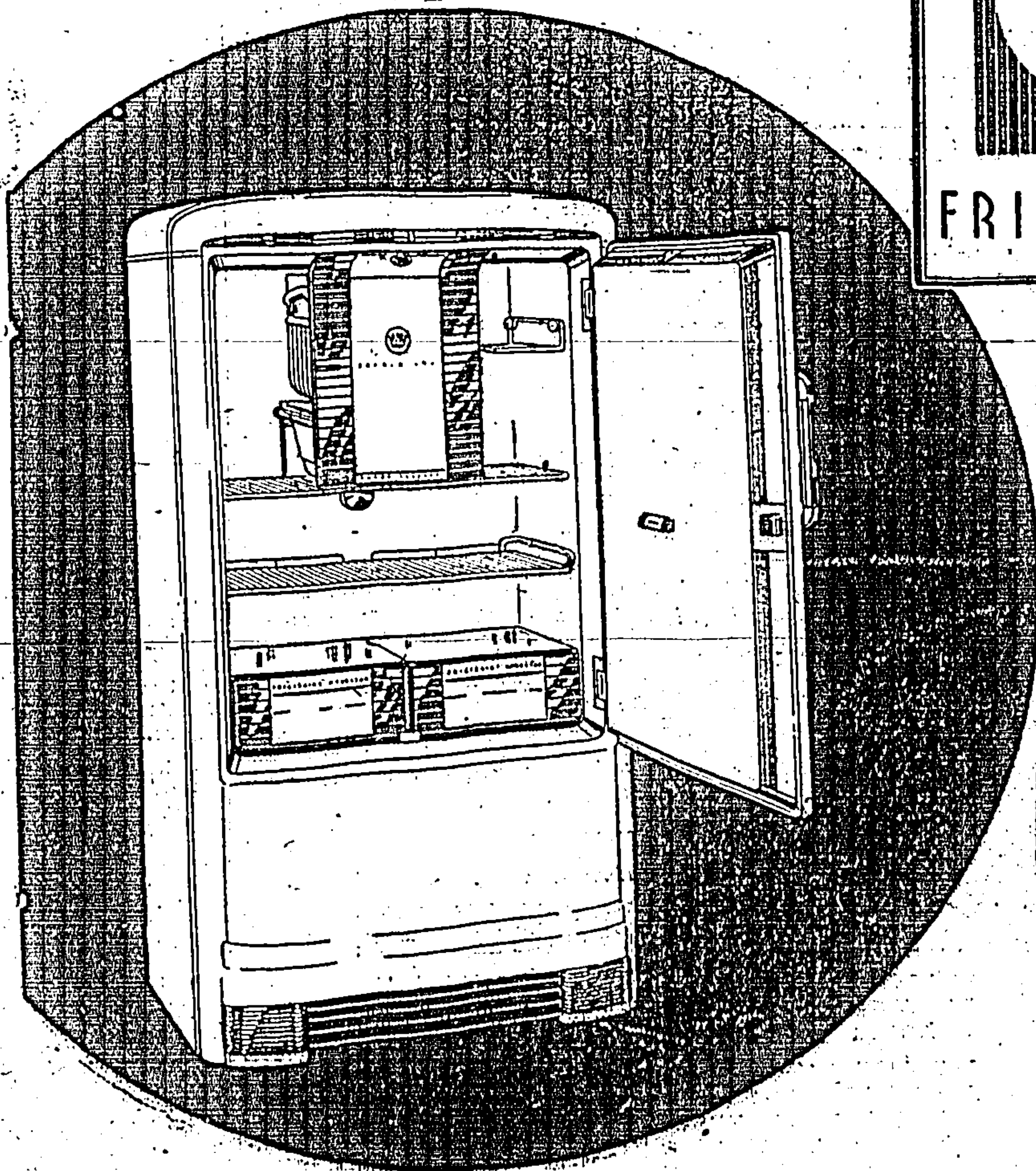
At the end of the game a linesman was stoned while Yahya was nearly assaulted and only saved by the intervention of the Police, who soon got the crowd under control.

Sing Tao will shortly leave for Rangoon, where they are due to play several games there. (Copyright by "Sing Tao Jih Pao").

SECOND HALF

The second half was a ding-dong struggle for a long time, Sing Tao,

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RAIDER AT WORK AGAIN?

The official German news agency stated in Berlin yesterday that the auxiliary cruiser which encountered the Alcantara in the South Atlantic has resumed activities against merchant shipping.—Reuter.

GENERAL TAKEN PRISONER

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT MAJOR-GENERAL G. A. D. HARVEY, C.B., C.M.G., IS A PRISONER OF WAR.

He served in the Great War from 1914 to 1919 (despatches, C.M.G., two medals) and was Deputy Director of Medical Services, Western Command, India, from 1935 to 1938. From 1937 to 1939, he was Honorary Physician to His Majesty the King.

He retired in 1939, six months before war broke out, after 35 years in the Army Medical Corps.—Reuter.

Confusion Of Nazi, Fascist Reports

CONSISTENCY, LIKE the truth, has never been a strong point in German propaganda, and the latest contribution from Zeezen, with the help of the Italian press, only adds to the confusion about the blitzkrieg.

On Monday, the official German news agency found it necessary to issue a statement to the effect that the impression had got about that the war against England was being waged only half-heartedly. Nothing could be more erroneous. Germany is waging war against England with just as much determination as she had against Poland and France.

The German news agency also told the people of Germany that there was no question of when Germany was going to strike at Britain, as the attack has been going on for the past five weeks and Germany is striking hourly and daily.

This statement, intended for force was ready to strike at England and only awaited the Fuehrer's order. Perhaps the official news agency, in its report of an attack against Britain for the past five weeks, has not heard of Goering's statement!

Italian press reports have only added to the confusion. In a broadcast on Sunday, Signor Ansaldo, Count Ciano's mouth-piece, declared that the assault on England started in real earnest some time ago.

But yesterday Signor Gayda, Mussolini's mouth-piece, warned his readers in the "Giornale d'Italia" not to expect an immediate campaign against Britain, because special circumstances made a blitzkrieg impossible and the German/Italian method must consist of a hammering away at both Britain and the Empire!

At the same time, Japanese reports from Tokyo via Domei (which has an exchange of news agreement with the Italian official news agency) stated that Italian troops were massed for the invasion of Britain.

About the only thing that is clear, state semi-official sources in London, is that the German leaders are telling their people one thing and the rest of the world another!—Reuter.

KING SEES DAMAGE IN HULL

DURING A TOUR OF NORTH-EAST ENGLAND YESTERDAY THE KING AND QUEEN VISITED HULL AND DROVE DOWN A STREET WHERE GERMAN BOMBS HAD DEMOLISHED ONE HOUSE AND PARTIALLY WRECKED TWO OTHERS.

The inhabitants of this street greeted Their Majesties and told them their experiences. The King asked one 13-year-old boy if he was frightened and the child answered with a smile, "No, sir."

Many residents praised the efficiency of steel shelters. At one house which was partially demolished by a bomb the mother and a child of seven were in the shelter when what they described as a "terrific explosion" happened. They looked out and saw the ruins of their house. Their Majesties congratulated them on their escape.—British Wireless.

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STOP PRESS

Major General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Acting Governor-Designate, is expected to arrive in the Colony on Tuesday, August 6th. The following provisional arrangements have been made, but should the ship be delayed the timing may have to be deferred. The exact hour of the ship's arrival cannot be known until she passes Waglan.—

9.20 a.m. His Excellency the Acting Governor (Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G.) arrives at Queen's Pier.

9.30 a.m. Major General Norton lands at Queen's Pier, where there will be a reception of an informal nature. After those present have been presented and after Major General Norton has inspected the Guard of Honour, he and His Excellency the Acting Governor will drive to Government House.

11 a.m. Major General Norton will take the oaths of office in the Council Chamber. Shortly before this hour he and His Excellency the Acting Governor will drive from Government House to the Secretariat.

The Honourable Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., J.P., Mrs. Smith, and Miss Rachel Smith, will leave Mountain Lodge on Tuesday, August 6th for 297 The Peak.

Word has just been received in Hong Kong of an adventurous trip from Macao to Wuchow by the Rev. Rex Ray and a party of 19, four of whom were foreigners. The party was held up by pirates on six occasions and was once taken prisoner by Japanese puppet troops, who relieved them of their money. The trip from Hong Kong to Wuchow, which in normal times takes two days by river steamer, was accomplished in 19 days. Flooded rivers and damaged roads impeded progress.

German planes made their first leaflet raid on Britain during the night, says Reuter from London. The leaflets contained extracts from Hitler's recent speech headed "Hitler's last appeal to reason." Thousands of the leaflets were dropped over a town in the south-west area.—Reuter.

BRITISH FLEET PUTS TO SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Press reports reaching London from Gibraltar state that a British battle squadron sailed from "The Rock" on Monday, apparently bound for a search in the Mediterranean for enemy ships.—Havas.

RUMANIAN PURGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A large-scale "purge" is about to be held in Rumania, where special tribunals have been formed to judge the cases of civil servants, notably in connection with serious errors during the evacuation of Bessarabia. The tribunal is to deal with all branches of public activities.—Havas.

VICHY DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Authorised circles in Vichy deny rumours that the Polish Government has ordered the staff of Polish consulates in France to return to French unoccupied territory.—Havas.

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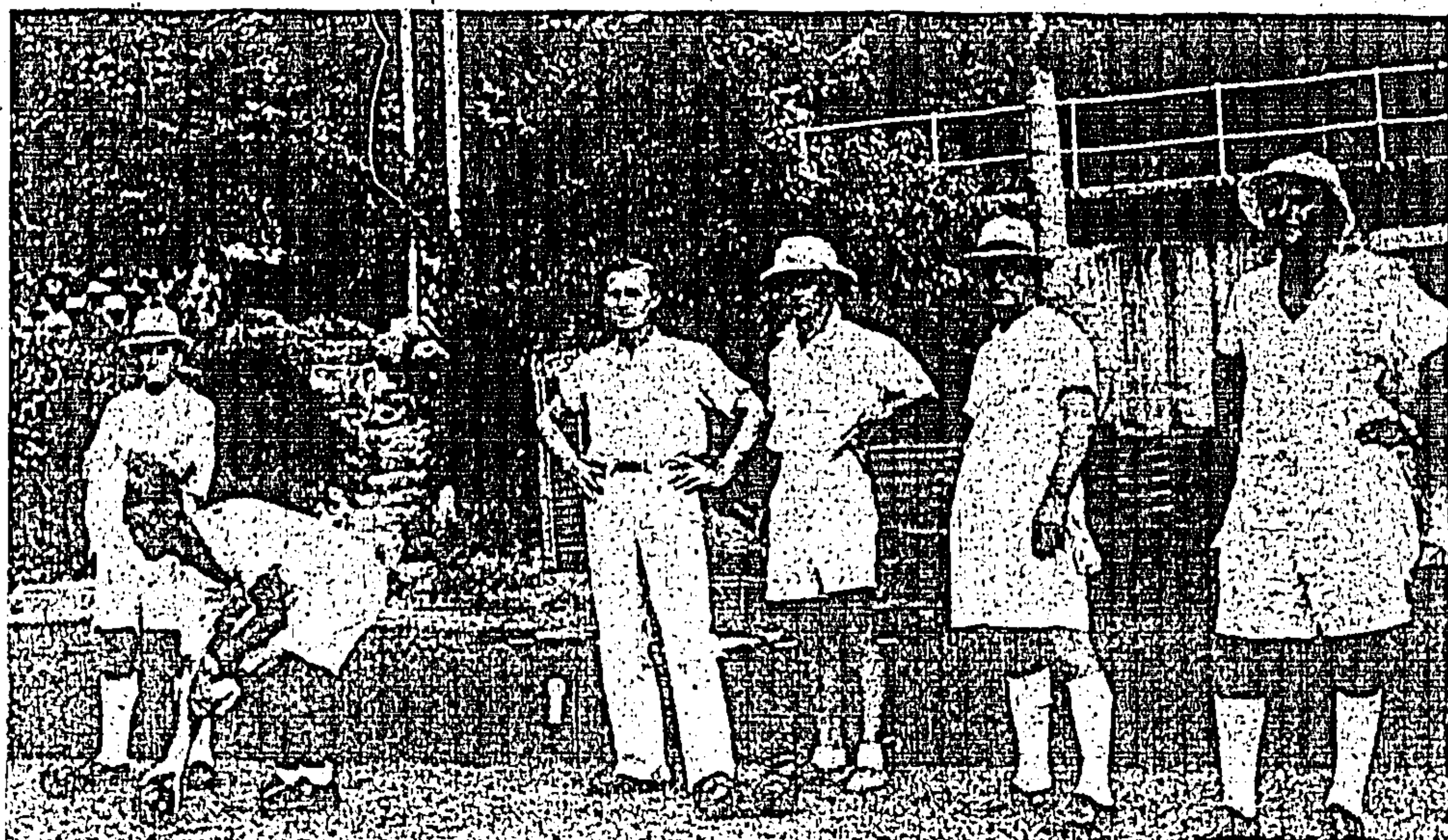
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Someone seems to be excited in this candid photo taken last Saturday when the K.B.G.C. beat Hong Kong Electric in a third division bowls match.



It was a "needle-game" last Saturday when Hong Kong Electric and K.B.G.C. met in a third division bowls tourney. H.K. Electric won by a small margin.



A stretcher-party went through its paces when Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke inspected the mobilised section of St. John's Ambulance Brigade.



A crucial moment in the South China-Royal Engineers' ball game on Sunday.



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SHORT STORY

DEADLINE

By Lester Gregory

WHEN Hank Challoner, grizzled town marshal of Cheyenne Sinks, decided that the Bar O outfit had better not be allowed inside the town's confines he was taking a serious step. He was placing a deadline about Cheyenne Sinks.

Hank had his reasons. There had been too many shootings, and the blood-letting and gun-slinging had reached a head. Bat Warren's Longhorn Saloon was the centre of trouble. Bat was a quarrelsome man who had taken life as he found it. He had made money. He was hard, some said unscrupulous, and if his words were frequently doubled-edged his guns spoke a language understood by all. Most men feared Bat Warren. Most women courted him.

And Bat had eyes for none save Sally Oliver.

That started the trouble. There were folks that said Sally should have married Pete Oliver, instead of his brother Steve. Pete was fair-haired, blue-eyed, a couple of years younger than Steve, and he could ride anything on four legs. Pete took after his mother. Steve had inherited his father's dark looks and heavy manner. He was a good cowman, he understood cattle, and he made money. After the death of old Barney Oliver the Bar O spread was run by the two brothers.

Then Sally Kuhn came to teach school in Cheyenne Sinks. Every one thought she would marry Steve's younger brother. They made a handsome pair when together. But one day Pete forked his bronc and rode west. Sally married Steve.

People talked, and the gossip died, as gossip will, given time. But Bat Warren longed for what was another man's. He began making trouble—cleverly. The Bar O got the blame for the gun-

fanning and dead men in Cheyenne streets. Steve rode in for a show-down, and Bat's gun spoke first.

Steve was buried beside his mother and father, under the old cottonwood spreading its branches over the creek that gave the Bar O its water-supply. Word of what had happened reached Pete, bronc-twisting in New Mexico. He came back, and the day before he arrived Sally Oliver left the Bar O and took up her old job school-teaching in Cheyenne Sinks. Folks said Bat Warren saw that the job was made for her.

That was when Hank Challoner, with his keen scent for war-smoke drew his deadline.

The whole county waited to see what would happen. Then one day Hank Challoner looked up to see a stranger enter his office. His old eyes screwed up.

"Yuh're a Bar O rannie, mister," he accused.

"That's like wearin' a medal in this dod-blasted town," said the Bar O waddy, digging a paw into a pocket and producing a note.

But old Hank was taking no chances. He drew his hog-leg.

"Unbuckle yuh gun-belt, mister," he ordered, pushing his six-gun across the old chipped desk, "an' I don't mean maybe."

The Bar O puncher's gun-belt slid to the floor, and Hank read the note. It was concise, and very explicit. It said:

Hank Challoner, You made Cheyenne a Bar O deadline. This is to tell you I'm crossing the deadline Thursday midday. Till then

Old Hank fumed, but fuming did no good. He watched the messenger ride out of town.

"Tell Pete Oliver I'll be waitin' for him with a shotgun," he called

after the Bar O rider. "I'm gonna have law n' order in this town."

The words were wasted on the air. But the news travelled like a prairie fire.

In the Longhorn Bat Warren leaned his elbows on the bar and grinned at his satellites.

"It's jest a big bluff," he told everyone within earshot. "Pete Oliver won't ride intuh Cheyenne."

Opinions were reserved. There were those who remembered the doughty deeds of old Barney Oliver in the days of the Indian scares, when raiding Comanches and Kiowas had carried flame across the range. Both Oliver boys had grown up dogged.

None had better reason to know than Sally Oliver.

She heard the news with beating heart, and she knew why Pete had thrown out his challenge. It was on her account. Only she knew why he had left and gone to New Mexico. It was all a misunderstanding, a lovers' quarrel.

She had regretted it since. First, her hasty marriage to Steve. She had not loved Steve. She had married him to spite his brother, after the hot words they had shared.

And then she had fled, unable to face Pete again. But he knew how things stood with her, of Bat Warren's eyes with their smiling purpose. Pete had lived to know the mistake they had both made. He could not live with her as his brother's wife. But now he had to avenge Steve and to save her.

She cried in secret.

Fear for Pete was the well-spring of her tears. She still loved him, but she could not be sure of his feeling now towards herself. Perhaps that one-time boyish love so gay, so care-free, had turned to hate. Yes, perhaps it was hate—only hate—that made Pete Oliver throw down his challenge.

She knew Pete would keep his promise to the marshal.

There were others who doubted it; and there were some who just hoped things would turn out differently. Hank Challoner was one.

Thursday came. A hot day, with a sun bright as molten brass flaring in a hazy vault of blue. Men walked Cheyenne's streets with expectation in their eyes, mouth shut tightly. One question was in every mind.

Would Pete Oliver cross the deadline?

Hank had sworn to blast him with a load of shot if he did, and Hank too was a man of his word. That was how he had kept the law so long.

Half the town turned out to stand behind the marshal as the sun reared to its zenith. Outside the Longhorn Saloon lounged Bat Warren, a contemptuous smile on his thin lips, a hard light in his inscrutable eyes.

Pete Oliver kept his word. A half-stifled cry went up from the throng when he was seen loping along the trail into town. "The durned fool!" spluttered Hank Challoner, wiping dry lips with his tongue. "He's com' askin' fer trouble, an' by jeebers he's gonna find it—now."

Pete Oliver, his fair hair bright under the down-curved brim of his Stetson, reined his bronc as he drew opposite the law officer.

"Howdy, Hank."

The customary salutation was casual.

"Howdy," muttered old Hank, stepping forward with his shotgun prominent. "I aim tuh keep the law in this town Pete Oliver," he said firmly. "They're a deadline no Bar O man can cross an' keep the peace."

Pete Oliver smiled. "Look, Marshal," he grinned—it was a tight, humourless grin—"can a man without a gun upset the peace of Cheyenne Sinks?"

He held up his arms, and the group behind the marshal saw for the first time that the newcomer carried no gun.

"What's the idee?" demanded Hank.

The other's glance was steely. "Ef you shoot me, Hank Challoner, yuh shootin' an unarmed man. That's murder."

"But—" "They ain't no 'buts,' Marshal. I'm tellin' yuh. Ef you cut loose with that cannon yuh gonna pile up a heap o' woe on yuh old grey head. An' I'd be powerful sorry to know yuh'd be sech an all-fired fool."

There was an uncertain laugh from several of the spectators.

"Sure, that's right," said one.

"Looks kinda like yuh jumped to conclusion too soon, Hank," said another.

The marshal stood his ground, but uncertainly. The wide barrel of the deadly shotgun lowered.

"Jest what yuh aimin' tuh do, Pete Oliver?" he demanded.

"Tak' a quiet sashay through the town, Marshal. Thassall."

Hank Challoner's eyes snapped. "Pete Oliver," he said, "I ain't havin' trouble. Get thet under yuh green hide. I ain't havin' yuh get out of thet saddle."

The other laughed, and some who heard that laugh shivered.

"That's sure jest the way I want it, Marshal. I'm stayin' right on this cayuse. Yuh streets ain't clean enough fer my likin'."

With the words he pushed his horse forward.

Hank turned and called.

"Ef yuh climb outa thet saddle yuh a dead hombre!"

Pete Oliver turned in the saddle, his face serious. He nodded.

"Mebbe," he said.

The crowd followed the walking horse. They followed it until Pete Oliver reined outside the Longhorn Saloon, where Bat Warren leaned against the porch-rail.

Some one had already carried word that the Bar O boss was unarmed.

Bat's lips twisted into a sneer.

"How come yuh forgot yuh shootin'-irons, Oliver?" he asked. "Is yuh yellin' streak too wide?"

Men caught their breath. Pete Oliver continued to smile, that same fixed frozen smile.

"I didn't want to be stopped by no interferin' marshal, Warren. What I got to say is plenty, an' yuh gonna hear—unless yuh feel like turnin' tail. Yuh see, I'm kinda agreed up to stay in this saddle. An' I'd hate tuh have tuh bust in yuh nice swing-doors by ridin' intuh yuh bar to find yuh."

A flush deepened the swart tan of Bat Warren's face. The other's drawled words bit like bullets.

"What the heck yuh com' hyar fer—without a gun?" he demanded hostilely.

"To kill you."

The quiet words, uttered without bravado, made their hearers catch their breath.

"Fine words, Oliver. Yuh sound as brave as yuh two-bit brother."

"Steve was brave enough," said the mounted man thinly. "But he was a fool to try to beat a gun-slick of yore stripe to the draw."

A pause. Then—

"I said I'm gonna kill yuh, Warren. Thet goes."

The deadly menace behind the words demanded a silence that was broken by a shrill cry.

"No—Pete! No!"

Sally thrust herself forward. The fear in her eyes was a living thing for all to see.

Pete Oliver gave her one look, and said, "Keep out of this, Sally."

"But, Pete," she cried, "I can't. I was wrong—a fool! I never meant to hurt you. I—it was you I—loved..."

Bat Warren's right hand trembled. His teeth flashed.

"So. Hidin' now behind a woman."

Another voice chimed in. Hank's, charged with authority, commanding.

"I'm cuttin' loose ef yuh leave thet saddle, Pete Oliver. Durn it, I've let yuh go too far now."

But the mounted man took no notice. He was staring into the pin-pointed eyes of the man he hated.

"I've crossed the deadline, Warren," he said. "I'm counting three, an then yuh start high-tailin' outa town pronto, or I'm comin' for yuh."

Men's eyes bulged. He couldn't mean it. It was suicide. Bat Warren, fastest man on the draw in Cheyenne Sinks, would be justified in shooting—an unarmed man! It was crazy, unbelievable.

"Yuh've got a nerve, Oliver—" "One!"

The word rang clear. Bat Warren pushed himself away from the hitch-rail, stood with feet straddled, knees crooked, in the fighting attitude of a man used to relying upon his gun to end an argument. And there was a faint glow of triumph in his eyes. This was his lucky day.

The fool was playing right into his hands—if only Hank Challoner kept out of the shindig.

"I'm waitin', Oliver—" "Two!"

Even the marshal stood as though petrified, caught by the drama of the fleeting moments.

"Three!"

The word rang like a knell.

Men saw Bat's hand leap towards his open holster. What they did not see was Pete's spur suddenly rowel his bronc's flank, nor the tightening of his bridle. Almost on the heels of the word the horse was lifted into the air. Iron-shod feet kicked out with cruel power, and the animal catapulted forward.

There was a thin cry. A Mexican standing on the fringe of the crowd muttered, "Le glope!" He knew what he was witnessing, the terrible charge of horse and rider practised by the most dare-devil riders south of the Border—the death-leap!

Bat Warren's gun was free of its scabbard and blazing as the iron hooves reached him, smashed him down in a cloud of red dust. The horse gave a whinny of pain, and crumpled, its rider pitching headlong. Only the most experienced of riders dare try that terrifying death leap. One foot loose in the stirrup means a broken neck, for the rider's whole body is pitched forward and down in a dizzy arc.

"By heaven, this beats all!" shouted Hank, charging forward. Bat Warren was dead, his body broken by the flaying hooves. The horse was dead, a bullet in its brain. Beyond, in the swirling dust, lay Pete Oliver. A woman was bending over him, staunching the blood that flowed from his head.

"Quick!" called the Marshal. "Get him inside, and call the doc."

Badly bruised, an ugly gash along his scalp, where a flying hoof had struck him, a bullet sear along his ribs, Pete Oliver was patched up. As his eyes fluttered open they stared up at the relieved face of the doctor, now rolling down his sleeves, and the scowling face of the town marshal.

"Yuh said when I left thet saddle it would be—"

"An' you said mebbe, yuh damned fool," growled the law officer. "Let me tell yuh somethin'. Yuh durned lucky to have got out of this without a broken neck, but—Well, son, yuh sure saved me a lot o' trouble by squarin' counts with thet Warren hombre. Com' on, doc."

They left the patient in the shaded heat of the room. Pete Oliver was staring at the adobe wall when a soft voice inquired, "How are you feelin', Pete?"

His head turned, and he looked into the wide eyes of the girl who had married his brother, and then suffered. Those eyes had been with him wherever he had tried to throw his life away, at other times, when he had got down to thinking and trying to tote up the ledger of his life.

"Purty good, Sally. You see, I bin a danged fool. Ef I hadn't taken the bit in my teeth—that day none of what's happened would have—have—"

"No, Pete, it was as much my fault. I was stubborn."

"Listen, Sally, that's over and done with. Tell me, yuh meant it—what yuh said out there on the broadwalk."

"Yes, Pete, I love you," she said simply. "I've always loved you, I reckon, even when I didn't stop to ask my heart. But I've paid for that mistake, Pete—a hundred times. You'll never know—"

The bandaged head on the pillow moved.

"I've always known, Sally. It's bin the same fer me, I guess. I reckon both of us had to cross our own deadline, an' it wasn't easy once we'd lost each other."

"But now, Pete—"

There was hope in her voice, in her eyes.

"Now, Sally, we c'n build up our life afresh. Mebbe we've lost somethin' but we got somethin' else. We got the knowledge it's a one-way trail fer both of us. That's what we had to learn, Sally. That's what we had to cross the deadline to find."

She took his hand and held it to her cheek.

"I was prayin' all the time, Pete," she confessed, "that you'd come for me."

He smiled, a new smile, free, happy.

"An' I was prayin' I'd be in time to stop yuh from any other—"

Her hand on his mouth stayed the words.

"We've also to learn to forget, Pete," she said softly.

Through the lattice of her fingers he said, "I could learn awful quick ef yuh kissed me, Sally."

Smiling, she lowered her face to his.

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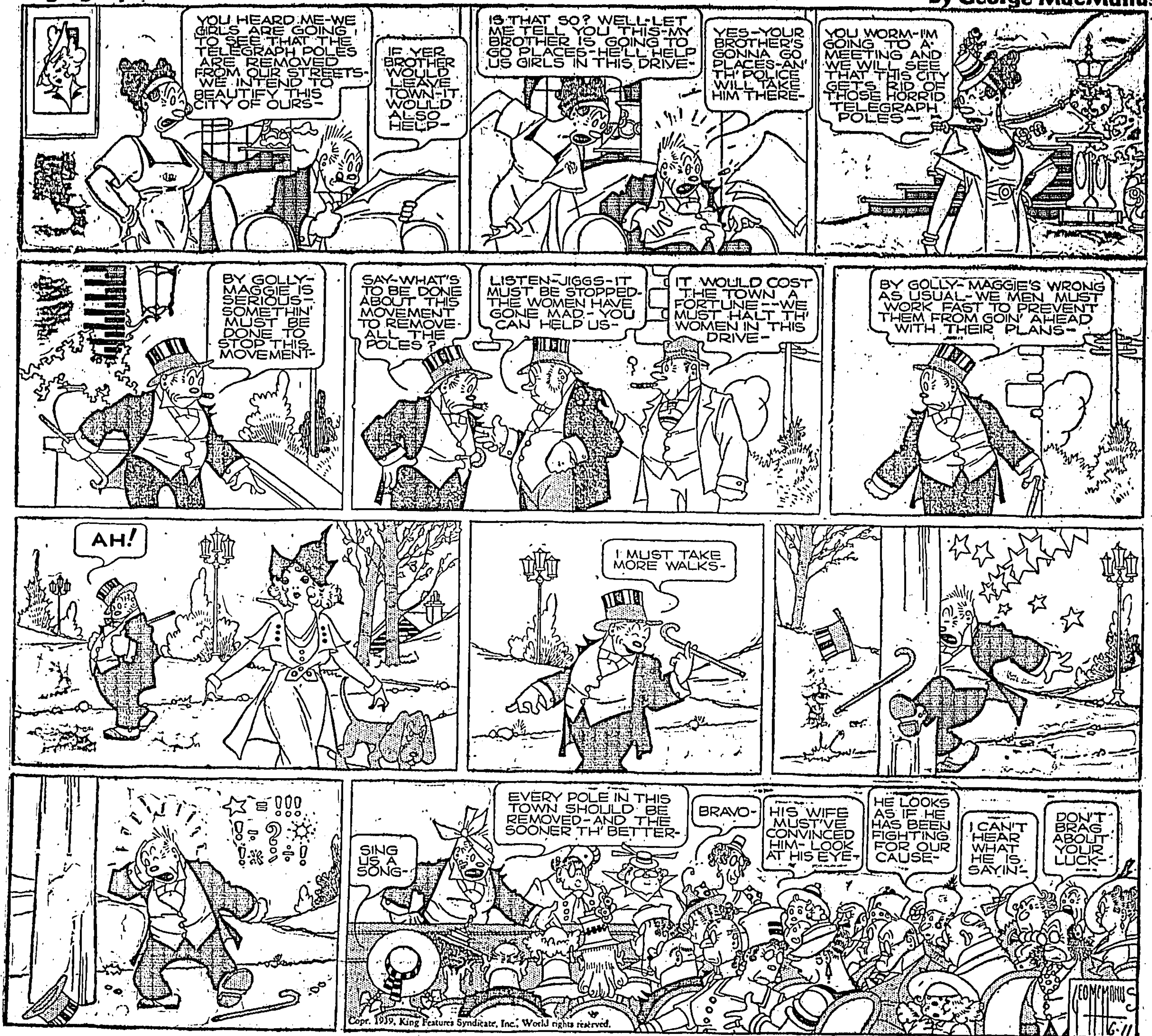
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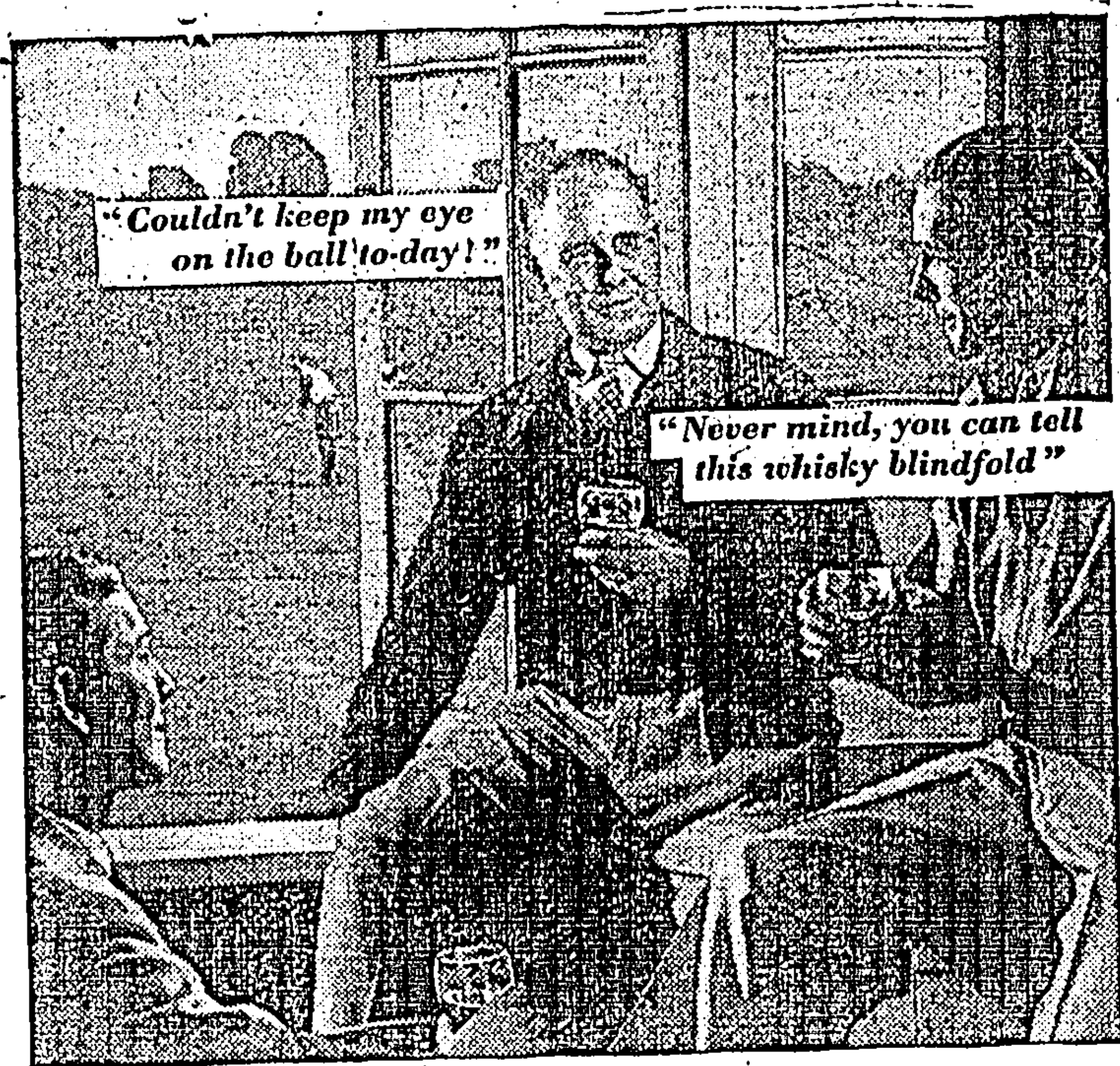
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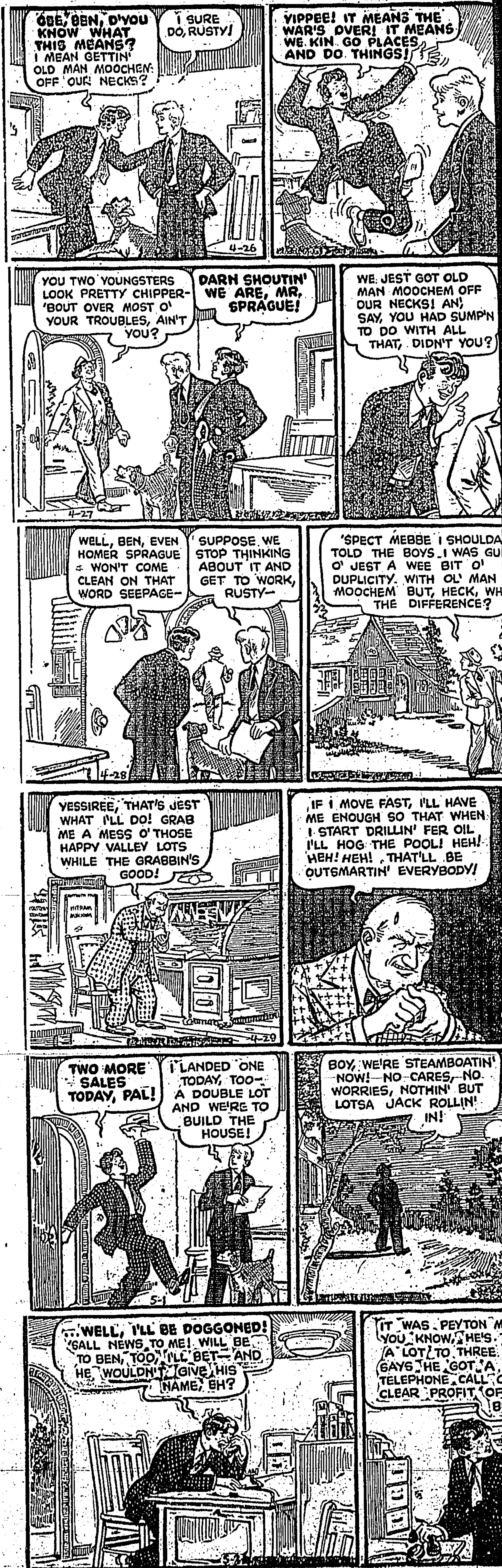
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Salad Washington is a food with distinction. To serve 6, mix 2/3 cup salmon (broken slightly with a fork), ½ cup each diced celery and cucumbers, 2 hard cooked eggs (sliced), 1 tablespoon finely minced parsley, 2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickles (or pickle relish), 1 teaspoon lemon juice, ½ teaspoon salt and enough salad dressing or mayonnaise to moisten. Chill, serve in a bowl of crisp lettuce and top with a little more dressing—not much, remember.

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Here is a salad that can change personalities by a change in the dressing. It is Vegetable Macedoine. Mix ½ cup each of cooked peas, lima beans and carrots. Add ¼ cup each diced celery, radishes, artichoke hearts (option-

al), 1 tablespoon each of chopped green peppers, onions and parsley. Chill, drain, season lightly with salt and paprika and mix in some French dressing when the salad is to accompany a cold or hot meat course. Vegetable Macedoine blended with Russian dressing (2 tablespoons each of catsup, chili sauce and chopped pickles added to ½ cup stiff mayonnaise) becomes a delicious main course served with a hot creamed or savory vegetable. And when moistened with mayonnaise or boiled salad dressing it makes an appetizing, crunchy stuffing for green peppers, scooped out tomatoes or avocados.

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Frozen Fruit is also a top-liner hot weather salad. Mix 2/3 cup each cubed pears, sliced peaches and seeded white cherries, add ¼ cup red cherries (to brighten up the salad), ½ cup sliced almonds, ½ cup mayonnaise, ½ cup whipped cream and 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Freeze 4 hours. (Use either a tray in a mechanical refrigerator or pack in mould and bury in 5 parts chopped ice to one part salt). Serve this salad in cups of cress or very crisp lettuce and top with more mayonnaise. Garnish with some fresh berries if you have them.

MAKE YOURSELF LOVELY

Many fairy tales have as their moral that the pretty beggar maid can catch the prince through her fresh charm and youthful beauty. And all the jewels, fine clothes and wealth of the ugly lady cannot get her so cherished a mate! Many girls should read those tales again for they make themselves miserable longing for clothes they cannot have, and they destroy their young loveliness by pouting, complaining and crying.

Keep your figure pretty and your beauty fresh. Be meticulous about your personal daintiness and wear colours which flatter you. You'll capture a prince one day, and then you can have the fine things you desire. And you will be happy that you concentrated on keeping yourself as lovely to look at as you possibly could!



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Mothers Should Be Attractive

If a child is normal he or she admires an attractive mother. Just as children like to think of their daddies as being the biggest, the bravest, and the most influential men in the world, so do they like to brag about their mothers being the most beautiful with prettiest of clothes.

I know it isn't possible for all mothers to have a wardrobe of pretty clothes, but it is possible for all mothers to be attractive when it means most to their children. If a mother's duties are heavy, it isn't always possible for her to take time out for thorough grooming before her children appear from school or work. But she can make the effort to look her prettiest on special occasions when a daughter or son is going to parade her before pals or their public.

Many a boy or girl in college has been ashamed because a visiting parent has not measured up to the parents of classmates. That shouldn't happen, but it does, and mothers should face the fact. Children want to be PROUD of their mother, and because of this pride, they give mother too big a build-up. Sometimes she doesn't measure up to what they expect her to be and then hurt, superficial feelings are born.

CLOTHES ARE LEAST IMPORTANT

Many mothers will be surprised when I say that the clothes they wear are of the least importance. But that is true. Your manner of speaking, your posture, the condition of your skin and hair and hands, are most important as far as good impressions are concerned. If what you wear is clean, well pressed and nicely fitted you can be poised. Of course, a woman always feels better in new clothes, but if they are beyond reach they should not prevent her from joining her children when the children request her presence.

POINT UP BEAUTY

When I tell you to point up your beauty with make-up I am skating on thin ice, for nothing is more terrible than too much make-up applied with unskilled fingers.

Young mothers, naturally can be more dashing. For them are the scarlet lipsticks, stop red nail polishes, the absurd but flattering hats. Mothers who have passed forty must watch their step, unless they currently keep close step with the times.

Rouge and lipstick should be carefully selected for colour and so should nail tint. It is far better to be on the pale side than to startle your children with make-up meant for a perky, fresh-faced little deb!

Your coiffure should not only be flattering, but your hair should glisten with the care you have given it. Have it so styled as to be easily managed and have it suit your type. Extreme coiffures, excepting for gala dressed-up occasions, are not for the woman who seldomly steps out! Keep to your role but point it up nicely. And just one word of caution. Try to remember that your child thinks he or she is an adult. Don't destroy the happiness of the day or evening by regaling youthful friends with tales of "when Edith was just a child!" Even though it may make you feel older, let your offspring feel mature—that will endear him to you as much as the pretty picture you make!

Colour When Buying Food Supplies

How colourful is your diet?

That's a question you'd better look into the next time you order your groceries. There's food value in colour.

Science has not come to the point where it thinks the colour of a cabbage has anything to do with whether you are blond or brunette, but science is sure it has a lot to do with your complexion, your teeth, your muscles and the luster of your hair.

The colourful diet is the diet contributing most to general good health and body-building. It includes these foods:

1. Green, leafy vegetables such as kale, green cabbage, lettuce, chard, mustard greens, spinach. Their chief contribution is iron and vitamin A.

2. Yellow vegetables and fruits such as carrots, squash, sweet potatoes, apricots and peaches. These, too, are splendid sources of vitamin A.

3. Tomatoes (canned and fresh) and citrus fruits such as oranges, lemons, grapefruit and limes. This group is especially valuable as a dependable source of vitamin C.

4. Eggs. They contribute a good quality protein (muscle builder) along with iron, vitamin A and vitamin D.

5. Whole grain cereals and breads. These are good sources of thiamin (vitamin B1), iron and phosphorus.

6. Cheese and milk. They supply the best quality protein as well as calcium, phosphorus, vitamins A, B and riboflavin.

7. Wheat, including the organs. These are also a rich source of iron, phosphorus, thiamin and nicotinic acid.

Because these foods contribute most to forming and maintaining healthy bodies, they are called "protective." In addition to the constituents mentioned here, they contain smaller amounts of other vitamins and minerals as well as supplying calories.

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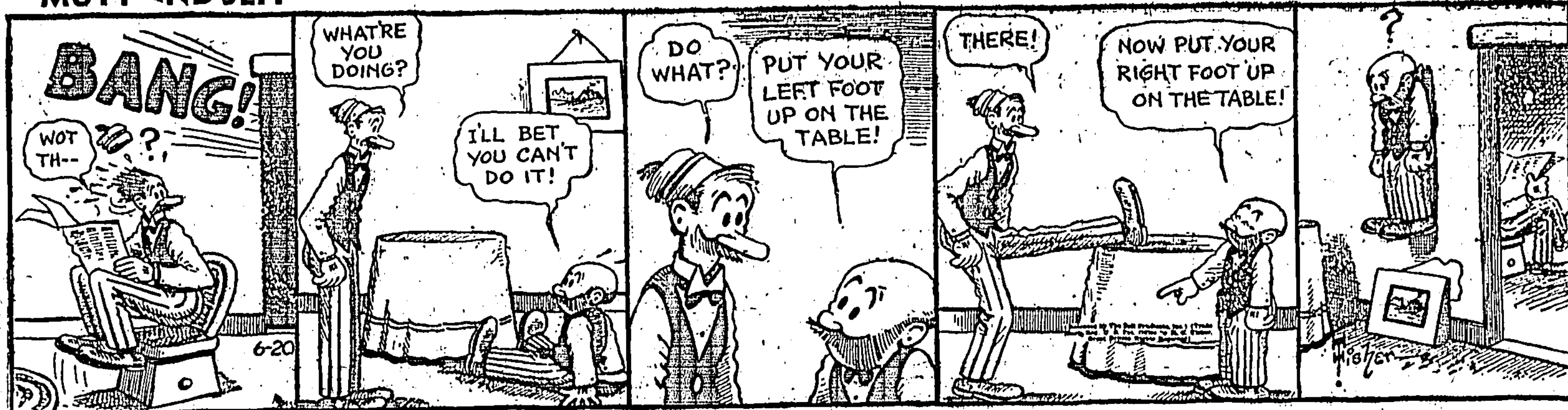
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Make-Up For Women Of Forty-Plus

Time was, when women over forty submissively accepted the dictum that only very young girls, the very frivolous, or the more wayward of their sisters should resort to beauty aids to make their appearance more dramatic. They resigned themselves to colourless cheeks and lips, and drab, fading hair. They looked years older than they actually were, and were naturally forced into the background of the life about them.

To-day the women of this age group—the interesting forties and fifties—feel no restraint in using judiciously chosen make-up, wearing their hair smartly coiffured, and seeing that their skin and eyes and bodies look youthfully fresh. Instead of looking older, the majority of these women who have pampered normal vanity, look younger than



An amusing "bunny corsage" fashioned from white carnations and rhododendron leaves is a perfect accessory.

their years.

But it is true that their forty-plus-beauty has distinct cosmetic problems, especially when they shop for make-up. The purplish reds, mauves, plums and vivid orange-reds in lipstick and rouge mixtures, are distinctly not for them, for it takes fresh firm faces with an abundance of pigment to carry off such shades. But there are most flattering and appropriate make-up shades for these women and their choice depends only upon how much skin and hair have faded.

The woman whose hair is in the pepper-and-salt stage of fading, has a more complex make-up problem than her sister whose hair has turned a true gray or white. She must synchronize her make-up colours with the multishades of her hair and a face which is frequently very youthful in appearance.

Powder To Match

If her eyes are brown and her hair a faded brown, a lipstick and rouge reflecting the rust glow of a sunset is most effective. The softest of greens for eyeshadow and dark brown for brows and lashes. Her powder should match in skin tone or be just one tone lighter.

Blue or green-eyed ladies with faded black hair must select either the purest of rose shades or, if

she is a younger forty, the truest of scarlets. Here again purplish casts in make-up ages the skin's appearance, and orange-feds do something dreadful to it. Rouge should not be used unless it is ever so lightly applied and then softly blended with powder. Blue-grey or green-grey eyeshadow for evening wear only, and either a very dark brown or black lash and brow colouring. The skin must be kept constantly lubricated to appear dewy in texture.

The pure grey, blue-grey or white-haired belle has a choice of being dramatically sensational or delicately aristocratic. If her skin is clear and fragile looking she may choose either one of the vivid, clear reds (whose warmth suggests the lusciousness of the persimmon) or a pastel rose or pink lipstick. The newer hot-pink shade is quite likely to be flattering, also. Much depends upon eye make-up for this type of beauty. Her eyes should be so cleverly made up that close scrutinizing would not reveal her art. But they should have depth and perhaps a true grey, or grey-blue eyeshadow could be worn in the broad day-light if it is covered with a colourless sheen.

Never should the make-up of a woman of forty-plus be blatant. She must enhance the mellowness of her beauty, not destroy it. But she should feel that this fascinating mellowness needs accenting.



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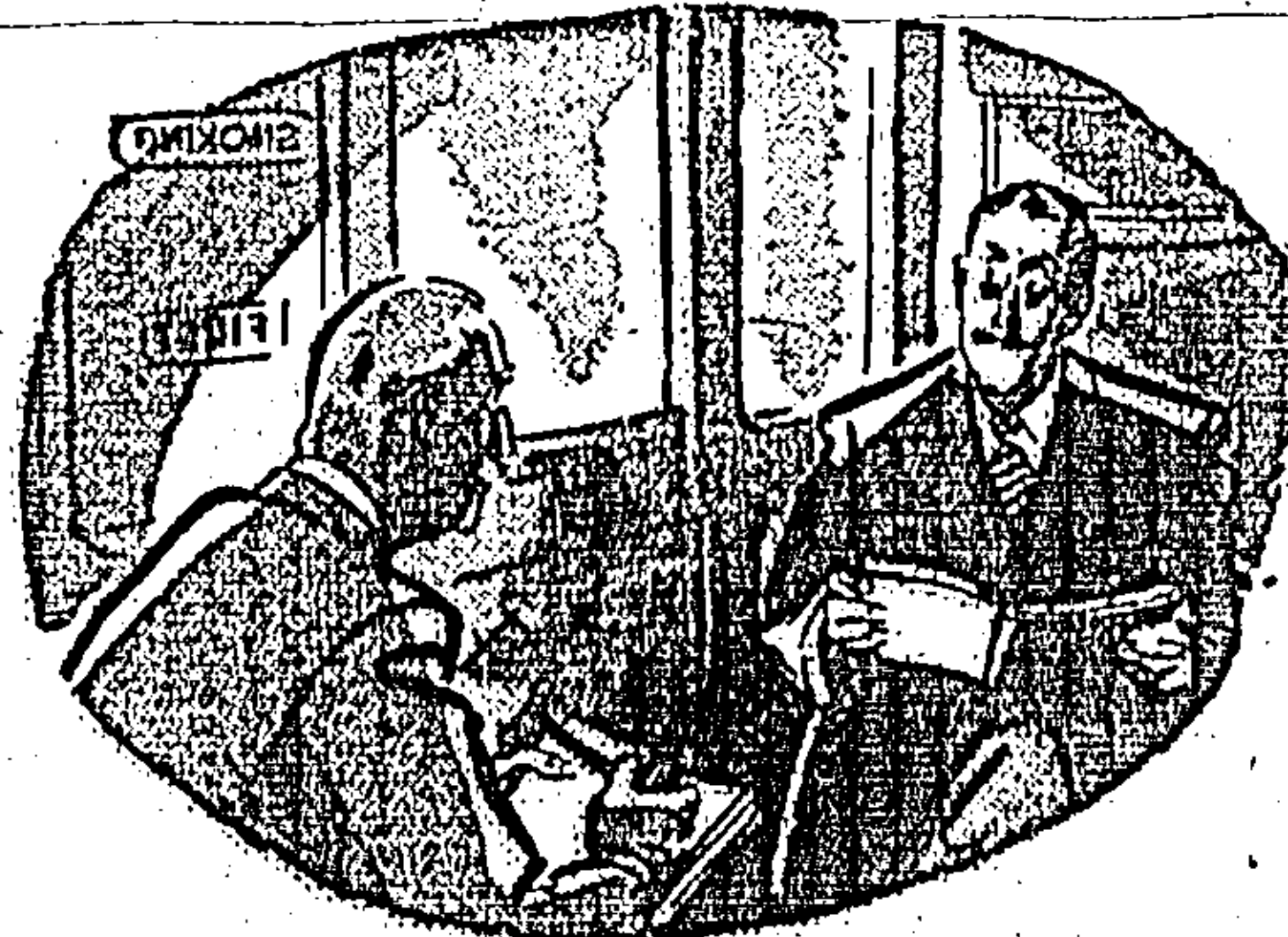


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"Nothing to do with it."

"In that case, Sir, you will have no objection to closing that window. It is exceedingly cold, and the draught is ferocious."

"I beg your pardon, Sir. I'm terribly sorry. Fact is, I've a most appalling headache, and the cool air does it good. I attended a most enjoyable party last night, and I'm feeling much the worse for it."

"My dear fellow, why didn't you say so at first? Trouble is, it's so long

since I've had a hangover myself. I've almost forgotten the symptoms. Was there no Rose's Lime Juice in your corner of the Shires?"

"Afraid I don't follow you."

"Rose's Lime Juice, I said. Cancels hangovers in advance. You either mix it with gin, or swallow a stiff glass solo before bed. Why, man, it's smoothed the paths of thousands."

"You're telling me that Rose's fills this long-felt want?"

"I've never known it fail."

"Then, Sir, I am deeply indebted to you. Here is my card. I trust that we shall see more of each other. Much more. Are you by any chance free to dine tonight? Wonderful how these chance encounters change the course of one's whole life."

"Bartimeus," The Famous British Naval Writer, Tells Here Of The Men Who Have Rushed To Join The Gallant Fleet That Is Defeating Hitler's "Secret Weapon"

The Men Who Man Our Mine-Sweepers

The Nazi mine laying campaign has challenged once again the stubbornly invincible spirit of the Fishermen of Britain. In thousands they have come flocking to an English town where there has been established a base for killing them up and for a brief disciplinary training, before they are drafted to the trawlers and

drifters which are now sweeping in every fairway menaced by this illegal form of warfare.

The base in question was a corporation amusement centre before the war. There was a tea house and lawns, a concert hall and conservatory, lily ponds and grottoes. There was a variety performance in full swing before

a crowded audience when the Navy arrived to take it over. The audience and the artists lent a hand to clear the hall and the stage. By midnight the first drafts of tried seafaring men were stacking their bags on the stage; men from every fishing port in Britain; boys of 15 and weather-beaten shell-backs of 60 were lying about their ages, to try to get taken on in this new war that threatened the freedom of men and seas.

Dry Canteen

The vast hall was murmurous with the gruff accents of Hull and Grimsby, of Stornoway and the Orkneys, Swansea and Belfast.

The conservatory became a 'dry' canteen where a local catering firm rushed lorry loads of pies and cake, cauldrons of tea and coffee, mountains of sandwiches. The lawn became a parade ground, the tea-house offices, grottoes were converted into bomb-proof shelters—artists' dressing rooms, whose mirrors had reflected fair faces, rouge and lip-stick, were the scene of ceaseless medical inspections as, day and night, stalwart men stripped and submitted tattooed chests to the stethoscope.

The wise men who organised all this—and it stands to-day a remarkable tribute to their tireless labours and kindly understanding of the material they had to deal with—were all themselves retired. The Captain owned a tea plantation; the Commander farmed an apple orchard, the Paymaster Captain had an antique furniture shop. They evolved a system which

made every allowance for the men's upbringing, insisted on no more discipline or restraint than a mine sweeping trawler's crew required. The Petty Officers and gunners' mates who instruct them in elementary drill and rifle shooting were in civil life four months ago. They all wear the medal ribbons of the last war, long service medals too, with a sprinkling of D.S.M.'s.

Awfully Nice

The town gladly threw open its doors to this invasion and the men are billeted in twos and threes about the town. The landladies

By

"BARTIMEUS"

appear at the base weekly to draw their billeting money. There are practically no complaints. The local police in their sagacity apportion the billets according to the individual. I asked half a dozen men at random how they liked their billets. They ranged from the Engineman of a Hull trawler to an R.N.V.R. Signaller who had been a solicitor. The answer in each case was "Fine". The latter being more articulate added, "Really most awfully nice."

The men find their way to the base by 9 a.m. There is a muster on the lawn. Absence is practically unheard of. The chap-

lain—he hails from the Missions to Seamen and knows his men as many know him personally—climbed up on an open air stage amid stacks of shapnel helmets and life-saving waistcoats awaiting issue, and in an intense stillness he read a few lines from the New Testament.

"Jesus said. . . ."

Clumsy, Splendid

The hundreds of faces, young and old, uplifted towards him were tranquil and self-reliant. The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer for Seamen followed . . . "and preserve your bodies and souls unto ever lasting Life". The Benediction brought the little service to a close.

The ranks broke up and the day's activity commenced. Fifty men under a gunner's mate were learning to march with a rifle. Their eyes never left him. Their eagerness to learn, their prompting of each other, their caps awry, the whole clumsy splendid effort moved one as no parade of Guards could.

In the town technical Institute a little band of ladies are training the cooks to cook the simple meals a trawler's crew requires. There they were, in white aprons, intent and absorbed before the range and preparing tables. The youngest was sixteen and had two years seafaring behind him. "They've got to have proper meals, haven't they," said the soft voiced lady in charge, "if we are going to win this war?" We were suddenly aware of a smell of burning. "McLeod!" she cried and sped to the oven. "Haven't I told you" I crept away unseen.

England's Answer

I saw new entries being kitted up—a minute or a half to each man. Volunteer Reserve men rubbing up their semaphore with hand flags—skippers at navigation, gasmasks being adjusted on bald heads and curly ones, training drafts trundling off in lorries to the station, fresh ones stripping for medical inspection; listened to the babel of dialects in the canteen; but at the end my thoughts came back to the uneven ranks, the rifles gripped by unfamiliar but terribly determined hands on the parade ground, that was once a lawn.

In some queer way I felt that this was England's answer, spoken clearer than a statesman could, to the challenge of the mine.



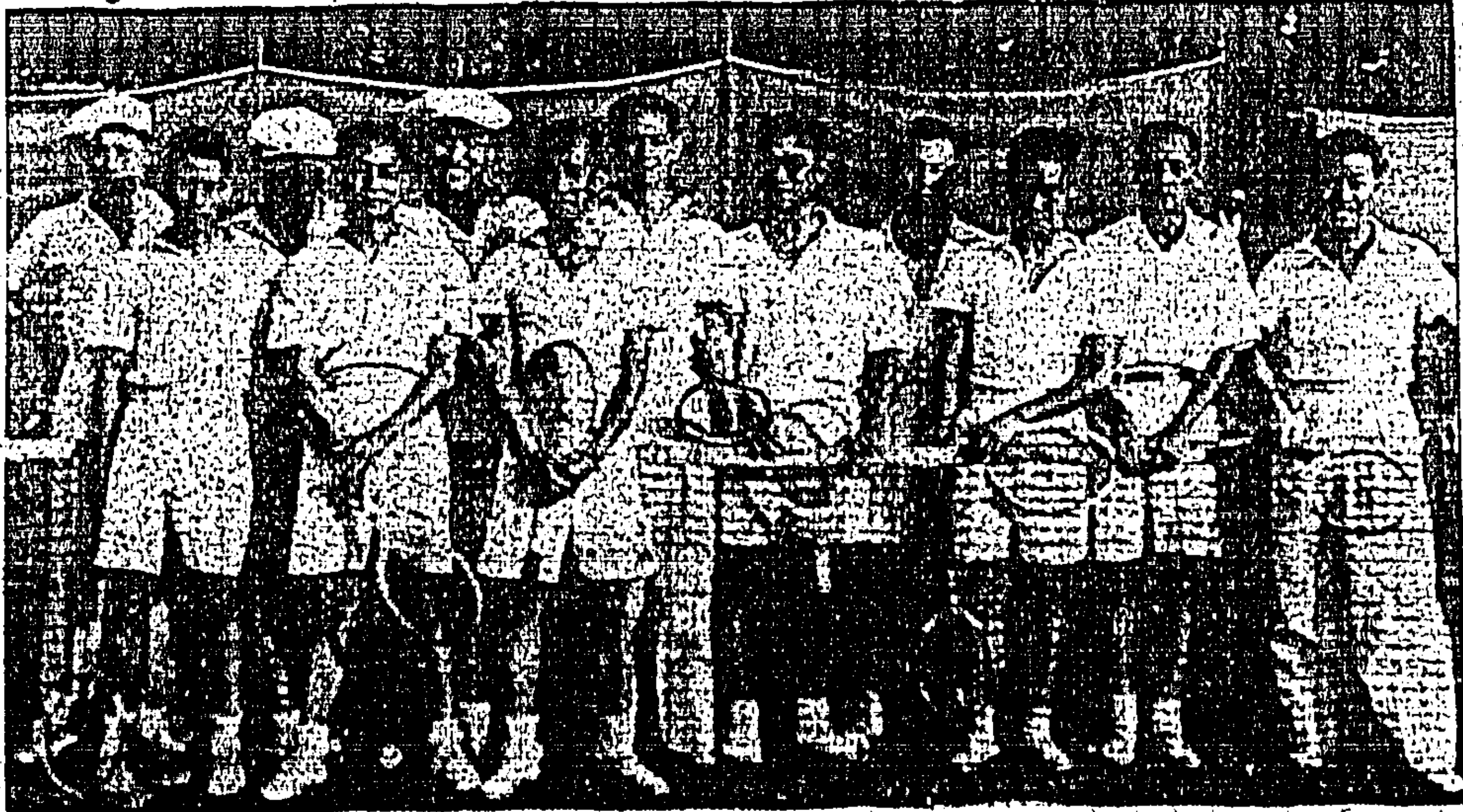
Keeping their eyes on the bowl — at the Hong Kong Electric/K.B.&C. game last Saturday.



A tense moment during Sunday's baseball game between H.B. and Mindanao.



A large crowd of spectators turned out on Sunday to watch the baseball game between H.B. and Mindanao.



The "line-up" at last Friday's tennis match between the Chinese Recreation Club and the South China A.A. at Causeway Bay.